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YOU'VE DONE WELL, NAO.
IT WAS WORTH HAVING YOU INFILTRATE TSUZUKI'S GROUP.
I HOPE MY WORK CONTINUES TO PLEASE YOU,
Pureblood-sama
Ha-

NOW THEN..
SHALL I SNATCH AWAY

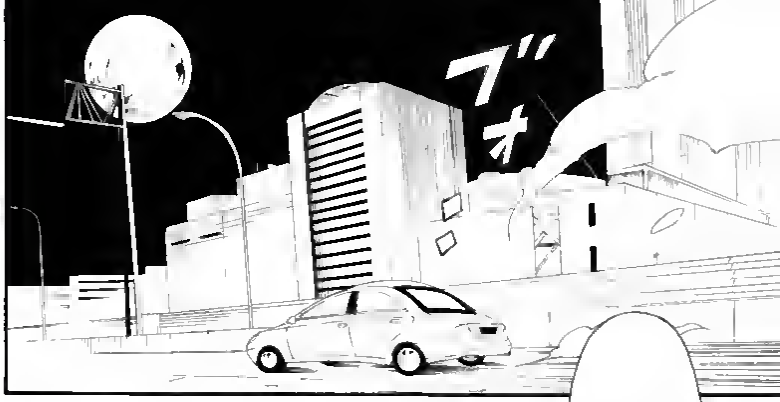
CALL ME AGAIN IF ANY NEW DEVELOP-MENTS HAPPEN
.. AH
PLEASE DO

THE REMAINING FIFTH IN-HERITANCE?

NAO IS HOLDING ONTO THE FOURTH INHERI-TANCE
AND „ THE FIFTH INHERI-TANCE

TN: CHOKMAH IS ONE OF THE SEPHIROTH ON THE KABALLISTIC "TREE OF LIFE". IT REPRESENTS WISDOM

Chapter 19: SPY VS. SPY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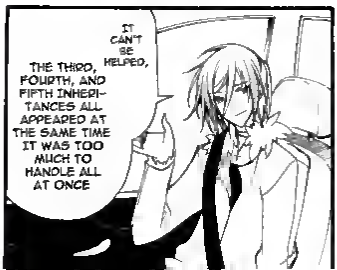
AS EXPECTED
IT SEEMS LIKE THE ENEMY TOOK IT

I CAN NO LONGER SENSE THE FIFTH INHERITANCE'S PRESENCE AT THE POINT OF APPEARANCE


IT CAN'T BE HELPED,
THE THIRD, FOURTH, AND FIFTH INHERITANCES ALL APPEARED AT THE SAME TIME IT WAS TOO MUCH TO HANDLE ALL AT ONCE

WELL,
NO ONE ON OUR SIDE WENT AFTER IT IN THE FIRST PLACE
NO MATTER HOW HARD WE TRIED, WE COULDN'T HAVE GOTTEN IT

PROTECT THIS FOURTH INHERI-TANCE "CANDLE-STICK" WITH OUR LIVES
ALL WE CAN DO IS PRAY FOR PUREBLOOD-SAMA AND TSUKIMIYA'S SUCCESS
AND OF COURSE
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"THAT IS TRUE
WE HAVE AR-RIVED
WE SHALL RENDEZ-VOUS WITH TSUZUKI AND TSU-KIMIYA HERE
OKAY
HEY
WHAT TOOK YOU SO LONG?

I WAS TIRED OF WAITING FOR YOU.
I'VE BEEN HERE FOR TEN WHOLE MINUTES!
PUREBLOOD-SAMA!
I have the inheritance
PLEASE ACCEPT IT
YES, FOR GREAT JUSTICE
.....
OH HER,
SHE'LL BE ALONG LATER WITH THE INHERITANCE
... ARE YOU ALONE?
WHERE IS TSUKIMIYA?

HEY! WATCH IT!
NAO,
GRAB THE INHERITANCE
EH?
THAT PERSON DOESN'T SMELL LIKE TSUZUKI.
HA...
STOO OPID!
TOO LATE TO NOTICE NOW.
STUPID DOGGY

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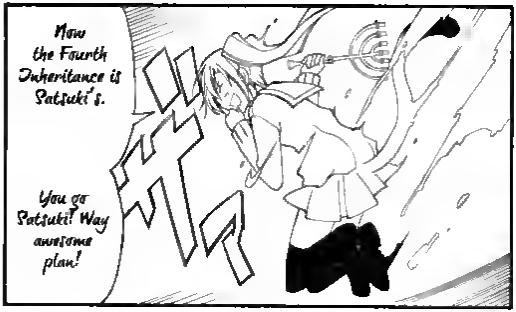
SHIT!


Now the Fourth Inheritance is Satsuki's.
You go Satsuki! Way awesome plan!
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AHA HA-
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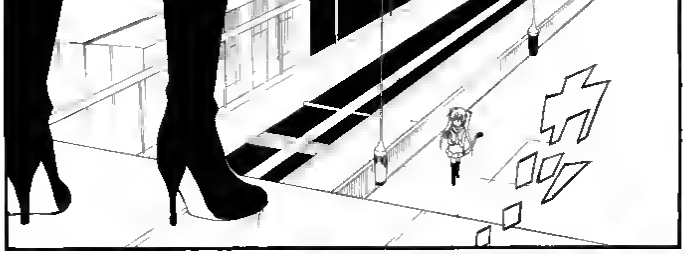
ぴょんこ
STUPID, STUPID, LOSERS!

BUT STILL...

LIKE, SOO LAME
HAVING TO ACT LIKE THAT GUY... THAT "PURE-BLOOD-SAMA" IS TOTALLY WEIRD



Hm?
WHO ARE YOU?

GOOD EVE-NING.

WE ARE CALLED KUKI OF ARCANA
WE ARE SORRY TO BE SO ABRUPT, BUT
WE CAME HERE TO TAKE THE FOURTH INHERI-TANCE.
WOULD YOU HAND IT OVER TO US?

DON'T TALK STUPID!
MOMOSE IS GOING TO GIVE THIS TO SATSUKI!

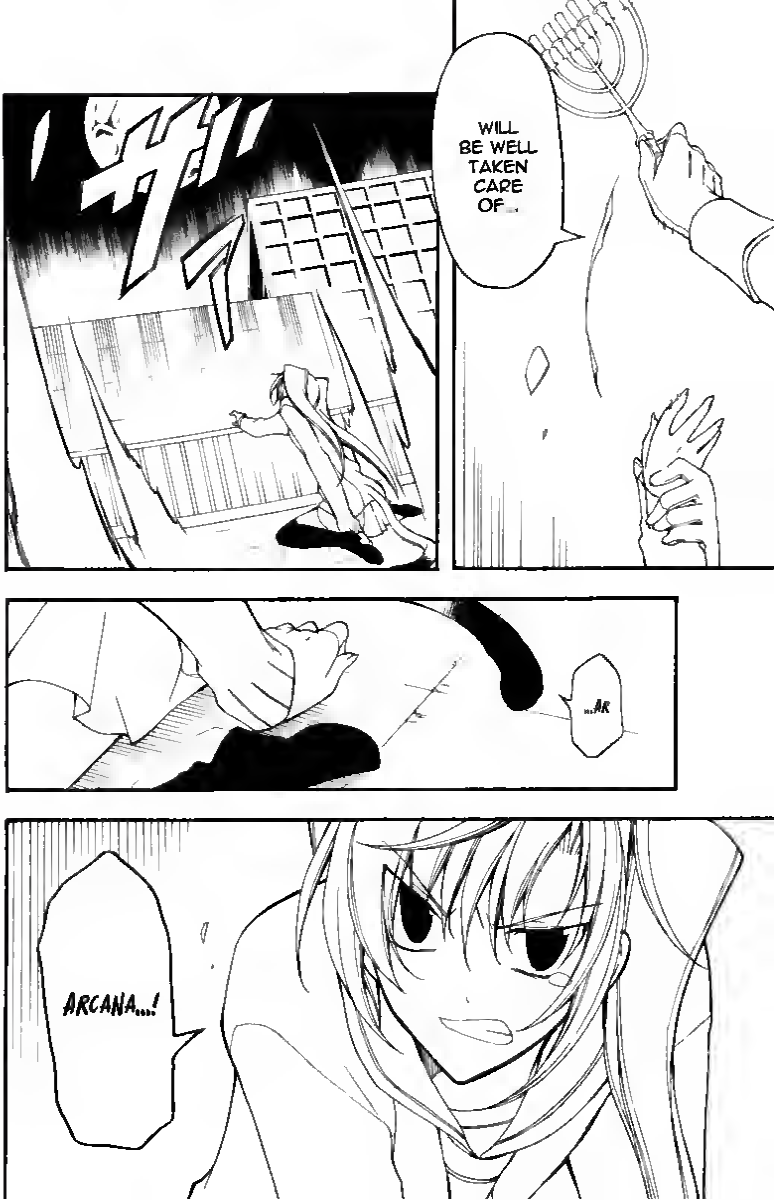
... HUH?!
ARCANA WILL ASSURE ITS SAFE-KEEPING.

... NO

EEEK!

WE ARE BOUND IN ALLIANCE TO YOU
WE WOULD LIKE FOR YOU TO RELY ON ARCANA.

YOW!
ドオ
PLEASE REAL-IZE...
WE ARE TRYING TO BE POLITE, BUT RE-FUSAL WILL BE HARD ON YOU
HOW...
HOW IS THIS AN ALLIANCE?!
WHO WOULD RELY...
MROW-WWRR!
...THE FOURTH INHERI-TANCE...


WILL BE WELL TAKEN CARE OF...
...AR
ARCANA...!

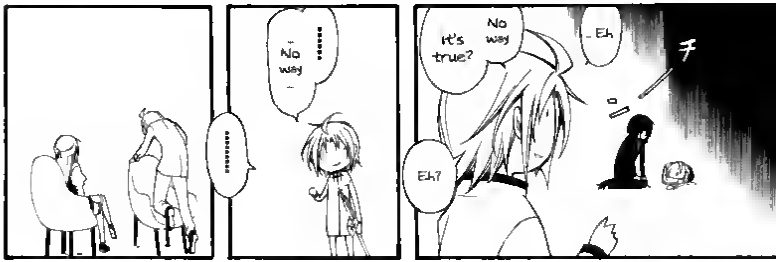
Greetings Gentlemen!
Two Inheritances right off the bat, what an auspicious start!

Eh?
Isuzu?

Ugh
TO THE VICTORIOUS ME?
NOW NAO, WON'T YOU GIVE THE INHERITANCE

EH? WHAT?
ARE YOU HIDING IT SOMEWHERE?
Im... so so sorry
The truth is the cat just stole it
Depressed
Where is it?

TIME, PLACE, AND OCCASION HANAMURA! TPO!
COULD IT BE THAT THIS IS A GAME YOU WANT ME TO PLAY?
HOW WOULD THAT "CAT" KNOW WE WOULD MEET HERE?
NOT AGAIN... YOU NEED MORE LYING PRACTICE
Ha.


No way
.....
No way
It's true?
Eh?
Eh
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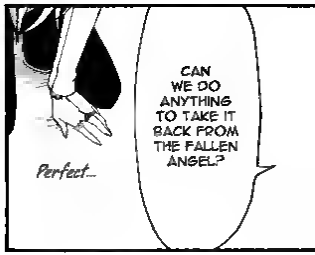
OUR GRAND PLAN FOR VICTORY HAS GONE SOUR IN AN INSTANT
WITH THIS
I feel like I have ulcers in my brain.
That means Satsuki
So the cat...

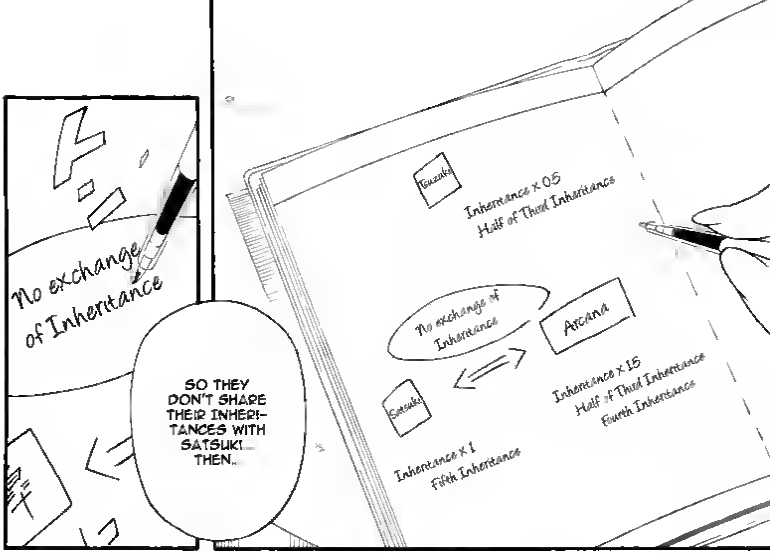
With these guys' lack of offense...
Now Satsuki's victory is assured!


CAN WE DO ANYTHING TO TAKE IT BACK FROM THE FALLEN ANGEL?
Perfect...

Mail, Mail, you've got Mail.
There is no way they can take back the Fourth and Fifth Inheritances from Satsuki.
EHH?!
GASP!
OH?
Satsuki doesn't have the Fourth Inheritance. Arcana has it!
Wahoo!
Rejoice, oh people!
I've... just received word!

HOW IS THE INHERITANCE THAT SHOULD BE IN SATSUKI'S HANDS
.. IS AT ARCANA'S?!
WHY..
Yay! Rotten Satsuki! Sucks to be him!
What...
ON ANOTHER NOTE.. HOW DID HE GET THAT INFOR-MATION FOR ARCANA ..?
Hinata...
IDIOT, YOU SHOULD HAVE KEPT THAT TO YOUR-SELF..
IT'S LIKE SCREAMING THAT YOU HAVE A MOLE IN ARCANA
THEY'LL COME UP WITH SOME EXCUSE TO KEEP IT FOR THEM-SELVES.
The bleeding has stopped.
My clothes are heavy. Tsk.
ARCANA HAS THEIR OWN AMBI-TIONS, THEY WON'T HAND THE INHERI-TANCE TO SATSUKI
Since that time, Hinata has been a spy embedded in Arcana on the Pureblood's orders.

RE-TURNING EMPTY HANDED
IS A SUICIDAL ACT FOR A SPY
I'LL MAKE SURE YOU CAN GET IT LATER
I'LL TAKE THIS PART OF THE THIRD INHERI-TANCE
BACK TO ARCANA AS INSTRU-CTED.
Oh... And just in case, I'll give you my other cell number
You have two phones?
Well it would be trouble-some if one broke.
But don't call either of them. I don't want to be found out.
...AND ONE OTHER THING...
COULD YOU
PLAY DEAD FOR ME FOR A BIT?
ARCANA HAS OR-DERED ME TO KILL YOU. IT'S A HASSLE
ARCANA - HUH
half of three


No exchange of Inheritance
SO THEY DON'T SHARE THEIR INHERITANCES WITH SATSUKI... THEN..
Fuzuki
Inheritance x 0.5
Half of Third Inheritance
No exchange of Inheritance
Arcana
Satsuki
Inheritance x 1.5
Half of Third Inheritance
Fourth Inheritance
Inheritance x 1
Fifth Inheritance

THAT WOULD MEAN...
THIS SO CALLED COOPERATIVE RELATIONSHIP IS JUST SUPERFICIAL POSING, WOULDN'T IT?

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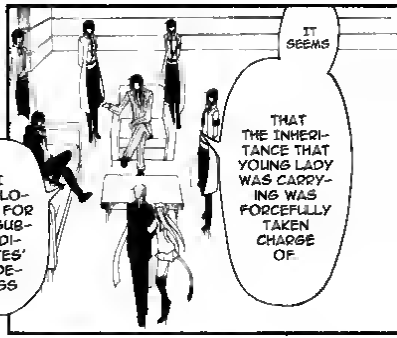
MOVE!
PLEASE CALM DOWN.
WHOA...
HEY!
OY!

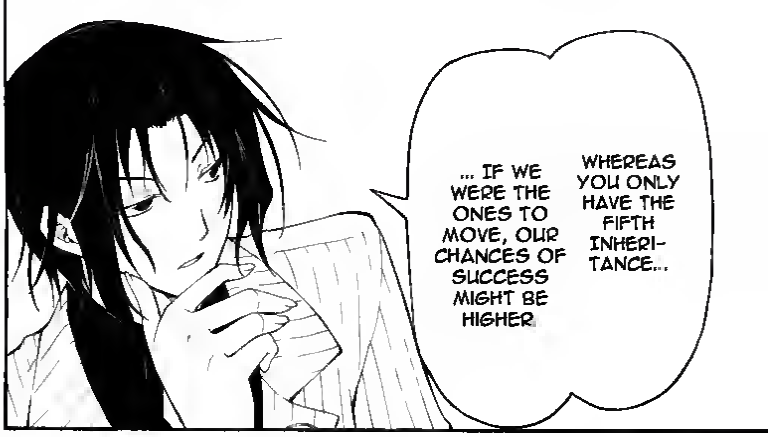
HOW UNUSUAL OF YOU TO COME HERE PERSONALLY
OH MY...

I CAME FOR THE FOURTH INHERITANCE
WILL YOU RETURN IT?
I DIDN'T COME HERE TO HEAR APOLOGIES
I APOLOGIZE FOR MY SUBORDINATES' RUDENESS

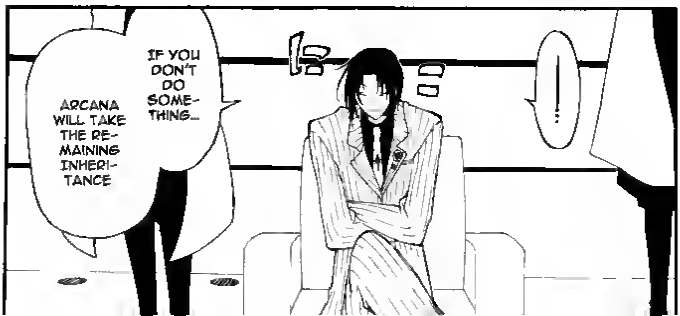

IT SEEMS
THAT THE INHERITANCE THAT YOUNG LADY WAS CARRYING WAS FORCEFULLY TAKEN CHARGE OF

OH, DON'T WORRY
WE WILL MAKE SURE TSUZUKI'S SIDE DOESN'T STEAL IT FOR THE DURATION OF THE HOLY WAR.
ARCANA WILL GUARD IT FIRMLY

YOU SHOULD CONCENTRATE ON STEALING THE OTHER HALF OF THE THIRD INHERITANCE FROM TSUZUKI.
AND THEN ALL THE INHERITANCES FROM THIS TIME WILL BE OURS
AS PER OUR COOPERATIVE PARTNERSHIP, WE WILL PROVIDE FULL BACK UP.
IF YOU WISH..
WE COULD LOOK AFTER THE FIFTH AS WELL
DON'T SCREW AROUND..
AHH!
THEN AGAIN...
WE HOLD THE FOURTH INHERITANCE
AND THE HALF OF THE THIRD INHERITANCE THAT HINATA BROUGHT US


WHEREAS YOU ONLY HAVE THE FIFTH INHERI-TANCE...
... IF WE WERE THE ONES TO MOVE, OUR CHANCES OF SUCCESS MIGHT BE HIGHER

YOU ARE JUST A BUNCH OF SMALL FRY WHO COULDN'T HAVE PARTICI-PATED IN THE CRUSADE WITHOUT ME.
SO SHUT YOUR SMART MOUTH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IF YOU DON'T DO SOME-THING...
ARCANA WILL TAKE THE RE-MAINING INHERI-TANCE

WELL
THAT WOULD BE GOOD FOR US
HE WON'T HAND OVER THE INHERI-TANCE
YEP, HE DEFINITELY HAS NO FURTHER INTENTIONS OF GETTING ALONG WITH SATSUKI
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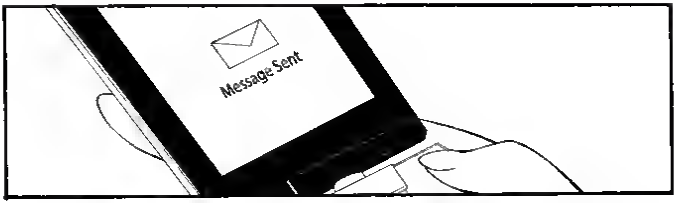
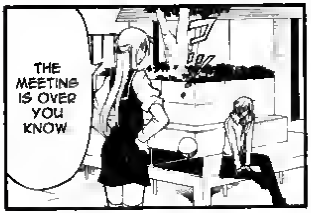
Sub Urgent
We got some info here Arcana has the 4th mean.. ....
HERE
SAT-SUKI
SAT-SUKI GOT A TEXT
IZUMI
IT SEEMS LIKE YOUR BRAGGED ABOUT SECURITY WAS OVER EXAGGER-ATED,
HUH
WELL THEN

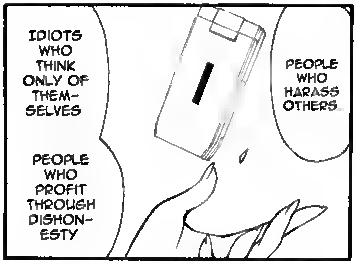
THE ENEMY KNOWS...
ABOUT HOW YOU TOOK THE INHERI-TANCE.
AND WHAT DOES THIS MEAN...?
NI!!


Message Sent


THE MEETING IS OVER YOU KNOW

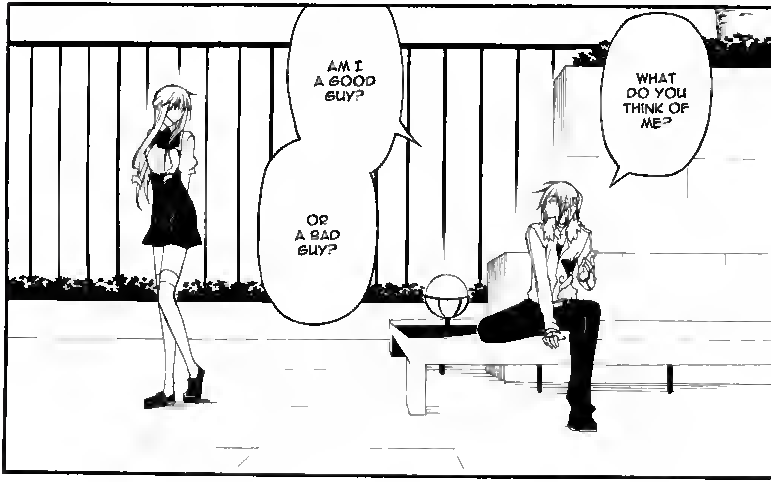
SO COME ON
LET'S GO TO THE CAR.

I
DESPISE VILLAINS


IDIOTS WHO THINK ONLY OF THEM-SELVES
PEOPLE WHO PROFIT THROUGH DISHON-ESTY
PEOPLE WHO HARASS OTHERS

THIEVES
MUR-DERERS
CON ARTISTS AND TERROR-ISTS

I'M THE ONE WHO'S THE VILLAIN, AREN'T I?
BUT IF YOU LOOK AT IT FROM THE ENEMY'S PERSPEC-TIVE
I THINK THEY SHOULD BE DE-STROYED
TO BE FRANK, THAT'S WHY I HATE MY ENEMIES


AM I A GOOD GUY?
OR A BAD GUY?
WHAT DO YOU THINK OF ME?

WHAT IS THIS ALL OF A SUDDEN. ARE YOU DRUNK ?
OR ARE YOU TRYING TO START A NEW CULT?
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"GOOD" AND "BAD" AREN'T FUNDA-MENTAL ATTRI-BUTES.
They're human ideals.
EVERY-ONE HAS GOOD THINGS AND BAD THINGS ABOUT THEM
NO.....
THAT'S NOT WHAT I MEANT.
OR..
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.....
IT'S AS IF
I'M THINK-ING
RATHER THAN TRYING TO FIGURE OUT HOW PEOPLE SEE YOU, YOU WOULD BE BETTER OFF JUST ACTING LIKE "WHO I WANT TO BE SEEN AS"
IS THAT IT?
I WOULD KILL YOU IF IT TURNED OUT YOU WERE REALLY MY ENEMY... ONE COULD TAKE IT THAT WAY...
WERE YOU TRYING TO FIND OUT WHETHER OR NOT

FOR THAT MATTER ...
IT REALLY DOESN'T MATTER WHAT OTHER PEOPLE THINK, DOES IT?
IN THE END, WHAT'S MORE IMPORTANT THAN THE OPINION OF OTHERS IS THINKING ABOUT "HOW I WANT MYSELF TO BE".
SO...
DO YOU WANT TO BE A "GOOD" GUY, OR A "BAD" GUY?

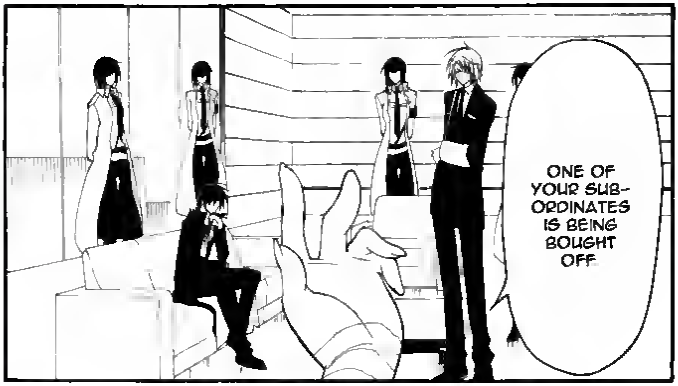
... OR SO I SAY, BUT TRYING TO FIT A MOULD IS KIND OF DUMB.
SOME "BAD" GUYS GIVE TO CHARITY, SOME "GOOD" GUYS GAMBLE.
OOH, GET OVER HERE!

I TOLD YOU TO HURRY.
STOP BEING SO DAMN SLOW!
MAN YOU'RE ANNOYING, I WAS JUST LISTENING TO NAO'S ADOLESCENT ANGST
I'M COMING
AAA AAH HHH!
WAIT!
let's see.
OH
THIS IS A NICE PHONE
Eh
YOU ARE A MAN OF MORE SECRETS THAN IT APPEARS.
YOU SHOULD LIVE MORE OPENLY!
HUH?
IT'S LOCKED.
Give it back.
Give it back.
I'M HOLDING YOUR PHONE HOSTAGE UNTIL YOU GET IN THE CAR!
AHA HA
I CAN'T HELP IT, I'M GOING THROUGH PUBERTY!
THEY'RE ALL IDIOTS.
.....
Now I'll smile.

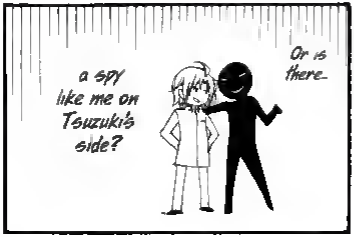
INFOR-
MATION
HAS BEEN
LEAKED
THERE-
FORE...
.....
SOME-
BODY
HERE HAD
TO HAVE
LEAKED IT,
RIGHT?

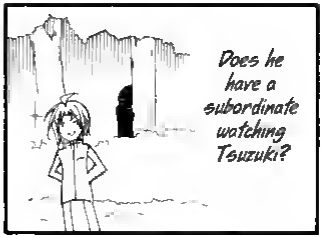
WHAT WAS THE INFORMATION?
THAT ARCANA HAS POSSESSION OF THE FOURTH INHERITANCE, THE "CANDLESTICK".
THAT'S NOT SOMETHING YOU WOULD HAVE TOLD ANYONE, RIGHT?
I SEE THEN...
THE ONLY PEOPLE WHO KNEW ABOUT THAT WERE...
SATSUKI AND MOMOSE
MYSELF
HINATA
MAKINO-KUN
AND THESE FOUR KUKIS.
... ONLY NINE PEOPLE.

WHY WOULD I EVER SHOW MY HAND TO AN ENEMY?
THE SAME FOR ME
IT WOULD ONLY HURT ME
I WOULDN'T LEAK INFOR-MATION TO MY ENEMIES.
THEN IT'S SIMPLE

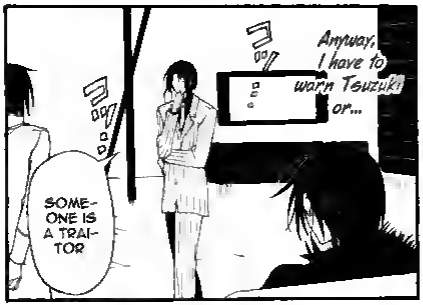

ONE OF YOUR SUB-ORDINATES IS BEING BOUGHT OFF

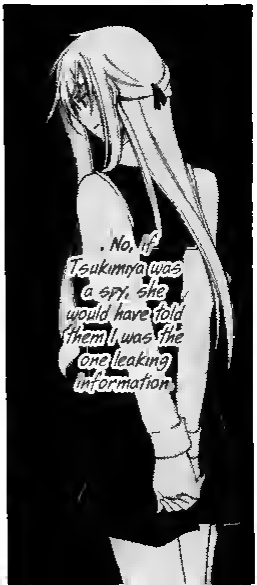
...Or or, you're joking, how did you find out about this?


a spy like me on Tsuzuki's side?
Or is there...

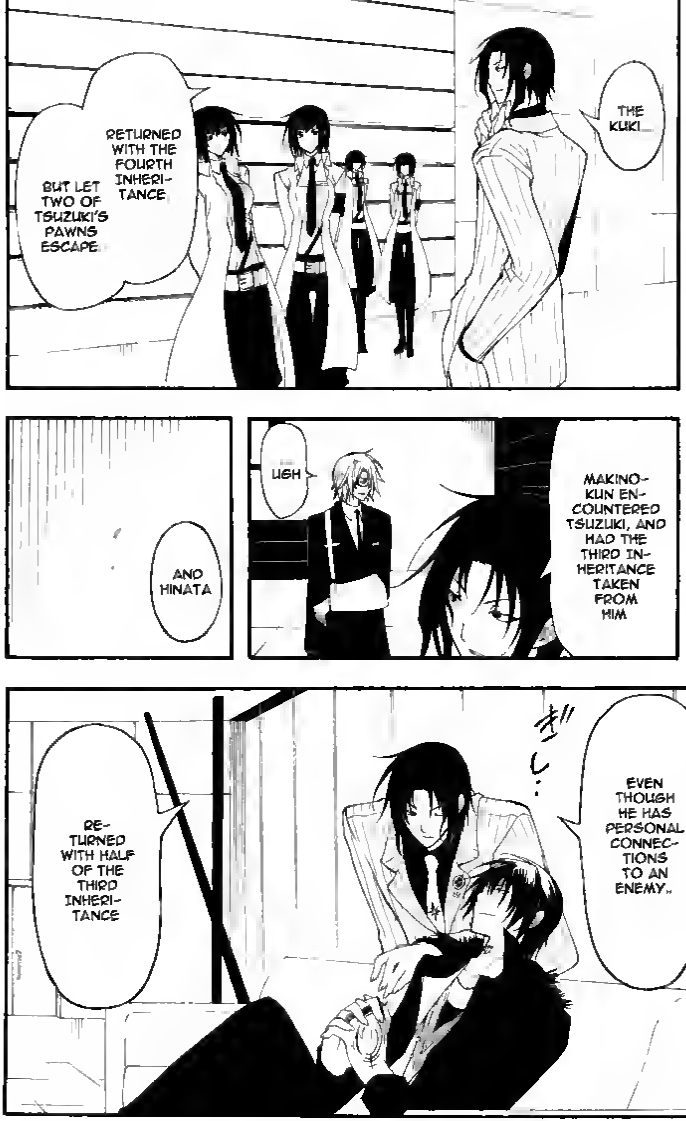

Does he have a subordinate watching Tsuzuki?

It would be bad if it's Tsukimiya, since she knows I've infiltrated Arcana.
If so, is it Hanamura, Tsukimiya, or...Nao...?


Anyway, I have to warn Tsuzuki or...
SOME-ONE IS A TRAI-TOR


...No, if Tsukimiya was a spy, she would have told them I was the one leaking information

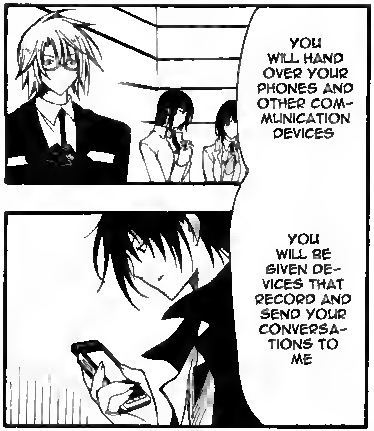
AS TO WHO, WE HAVE NO DEFINITE PROOF
THOUGH IT PAINS ME TO SAY SO


THE KUKI...
RETURNED WITH THE FOURTH INHERITANCE
BUT LET TWO OF TSUZUKI'S PAWNS ESCAPE.
MAKINO-KUN ENCOUNTERED TSUZUKI, AND HAD THE THIRD INHERITANCE TAKEN FROM HIM
UGH
AND HINATA
EVEN THOUGH HE HAS PERSONAL CONNECTIONS TO AN ENEMY..
RETURNED WITH HALF OF THE THIRD INHERITANCE

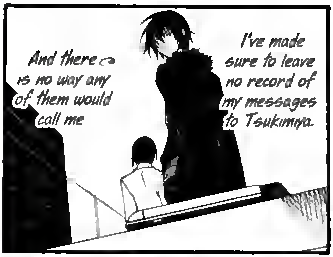
It's all right... just play your hand and don't get caught.
IF I HADN'T, I WOULDN'T HAVE GOTTEN THE INHERITANCE
OF COURSE
DID YOU KILL TSUKIMIYA?
SEEMS TO BE ALIVE RIGHT NOW
WELL, THAT'S FUNNY...
ACCORDING TO MY SOURCE..
THAT VERY WOMAN
WHAT'S THAT?
SHE'S NOT DEAD YET, WHAT A STUBBORN WOMAN.
That's right. Sofeuki has a person near Tsuzuki. Of course, they would have seen Tsukimiya alive.
...Damn

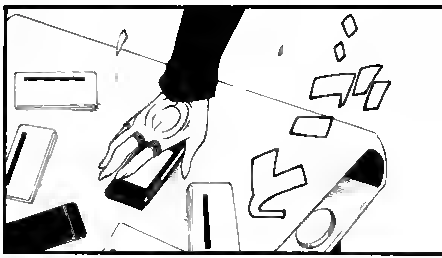
WE MIGHT BE ABLE TO GET HER TO LEAK THEIR INFORMATION TO ARCANA.
AHH..
YOU KNOW IF WE THREATEN HER WITH THAT..
WHAT EVER
EVEN IF SHE'S NOT DEAD, THE KILLING CURSE I PUT ON HER IS STILL THERE
OHH...

FINE
IF YOU LEARN ANYTHING, PLEASE REPORT IT TO ME
.. CAN I ASK YOU SOME-THING?
ROGER
WHY DID YOU TRY TO KILL HER?
THAT WOMAN WITH THE BRAND I TOLD YOU NOT TO KILL.
.....


YOU WILL HAND OVER YOUR PHONES AND OTHER COMMUNICATION DEVICES
YOU WILL BE GIVEN DEVICES THAT RECORD AND SEND YOUR CONVERSATIONS TO ME

IF YOU SEE ANYONE ACTING SUSPICIOUSLY, DON'T HESITATE TO TELL ME
ALSO, YOU CAN PROVE YOUR OWN LOYALTY


I've made sure to leave no record of my messages to Tsukimiya.
And there is no way any of them would call me



It's alright, no problem.
I can ride this out.

warn Tsuzuki that someone near him is sending information to Satsuki
have to quickly...
I just...

WHAT WERE YOU DOING WITH THIS PHONE?
OR RATHER ...
...WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING?
HINATA ...
This is bad...

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WHAT ...
WERE YOU TRYING TO DO WITH THAT PHONE?
...HINATA

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Wha.

I JUST REMEMBERED I HAD THIS OTHER CELL AND THOUGHT I SHOULD TURN IT OVER
I WAS JUST ABOUT TO WHEN...
WE HAVE A MOLE LEAKING INFORMATION TO THE ENEMY..
COULD THAT MOLE BE

WHAT?
CUT IT OUT MAKINO-KUN, YOUR EXPRESSION IS SCARING ME

YOU?

HEY
RESIS-
TANCE IS
FUTILE
WE
WILL
KNOW
WHETHER
OR NOT
YOU ARE
OUR TRAI-
TOR SOON
ENOUGH
NOW,
I WONDER
WHAT YOU
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NOW,
LET'S ALL
CON-
FIRM
THAT
YOU
ARE
OUR LITTLE
MOLE
click

Well I thought "Maybe I should delete this folder of embarrassing pictures."
YOU... THIS IS...
GYA AAA AA
GYA AAA AAA AA

then his communication with the angel should still be in his history.
Bip, beep
If he's been acting as a spy this entire time
That's it...!

To izumi@XX.XXX.mail
Sub URGENT REPORT
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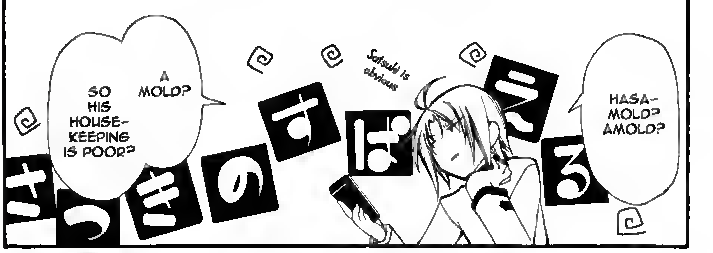
DEAR BOSS,
HERE ARE SOME EMBARRASSING PICTURES OF MAKINO-KUN
It's an outgoing text with an attachment...
Here it is! In his mailbox...
0 /500
@XX.XXX.mail
URGENT REPORT
002
INVOLVING MAKINO-KUN
I'M BEGGING YOU. PLEASE, JUST ERASE IT...!
BUT...
?
PLEASE, DELETE THAT MESSAGE WITHOUT OPENING IT.
NO OO OO OO OO OO O!!
HUH?
IT LOOKS LIKE I RECEIVED A TEXT MESSAGE
HOW BORING
YOU'RE THE WORST!
YOU'RE TRASH! THAT'S WHY YOU HAVE NO FRIENDS!!
STOOOPID
I, UHM... IT WAS SO LONG AGO AND I JUST FELT THE NEED TO MIX THINGS UP A BIT. IT'S PART OF WHO I AM..
Well what can I say.
AND YOU ..! DIDN'T YOU SAY THAT YOU WOULDN'T SEND THOSE PICTURES TO ANYONE?!
ADVANTAGEOUS
I ALSO FIGURED THAT MAKING THE BOSS LAUGH AT YOU WOULD BE..

T/N ON CELL. THE TEXT USES ALL HIRAGANA INDICATING THAT THE MESSAGE WAS RUSHED. IN AN ATTEMPT TO PRESERVE THIS I HAVE USED NO PUNCTUATION OR SPACES.

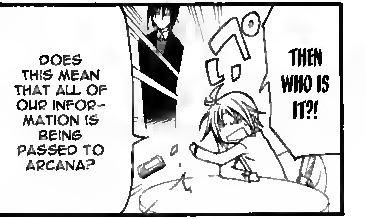

さつきのすぱい
Satsuki is oblivious
HASA-MOLD? AMOLD?
A MOLD? SO HIS HOUSE-KEEPING IS POOR?

SATSUKIHASAMOLE
↓
SATSUKI HAS A MOLE

IF HE TYPED THIS MES-SAGE QUICKLY..
THEN THAT "O" COULD VERY WELL BE AN "E"
IF HE HAD HIT THE BUTTON TWICE IN-STEAD OF ONCE IT WOULD BE:

SATSUKI HAS A SPY AMONG US
OHH

HMM..? A SPY? A SPY...
THE SIMPLEST ANSWER WOULD BE THAT IT'S ONE OF MY THREE SERVANTS, URGGH BUT...


THEN WHO IS IT?!
DOES THIS MEAN THAT ALL OF OUR INFOR-MATION IS BEING PASSED TO ARCANA?

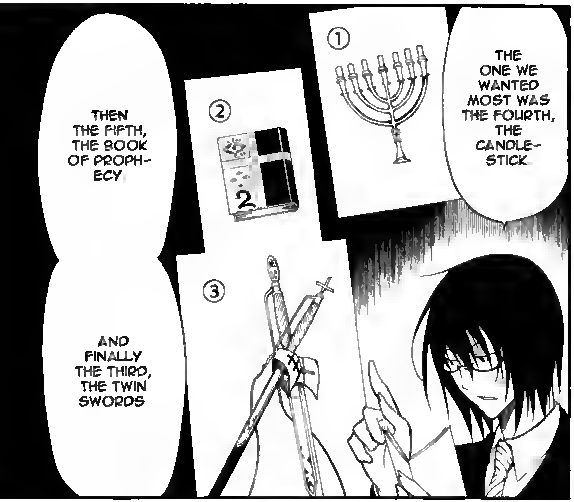
AH...
YOU ARE A DEMON, AFTER ALL. HOW SUSPI-CIOUS...

MANA-MURA...
ARE YOU THE SPY?

HA

IF I WERE A SPY,
I WOULD HAVE CRUSHED THIS HEAD OF YOURS AND MADE OFF WITH THE INHERI-TANCE LONG AGO
IS THERE ANY REASON TO DISTRUST ME ASIDE FROM ME BEING A DEMON?
I'm sorry it hurts.
It hurts

HOW BIG OF A MASOCHIST ARE YOU?
ASKING YOUR FAITHFUL SERVANT "ARE YOU A SPY?"
IS THIS YOUR ROUND ABOUT WAY OF TELLING ME THAT I SHOULD QUIT MY JOB?
I'M SORRY, I'M SORRY! I WASN'T ASKING YOU SERIOUSLY!
Uncle!
Uncle!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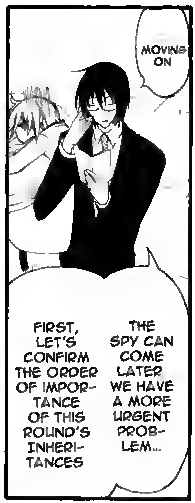
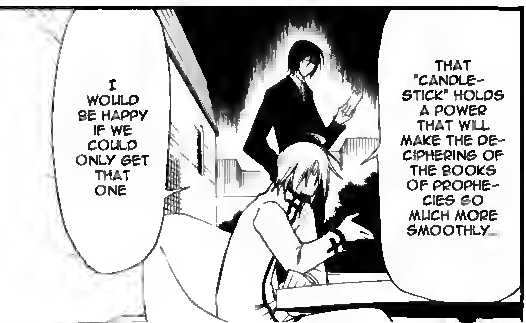
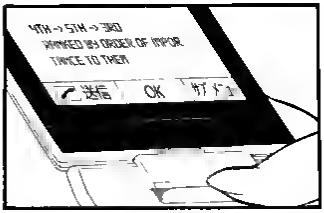
THE ONE WE WANTED MOST WAS THE FOURTH, THE CANDLESTICK
②
THEN THE FIFTH, THE BOOK OF PROPHECY
③
AND FINALLY THE THIRD, THE TWIN SWORDS


MOVING ON
FIRST, LET'S CONFIRM THE ORDER OF IMPORTANCE OF THIS ROUND'S INHERITANCES
THE SPY CAN COME LATER WE HAVE A MORE URGENT PROBLEM...

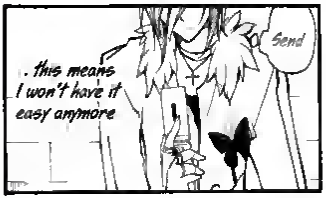

I WOULD BE HAPPY IF WE COULD ONLY GET THAT ONE
THAT "CANDLESTICK" HOLDS A POWER THAT WILL MAKE THE DECIPHERING OF THE BOOKS OF PROPHECIES SO MUCH MORE SMOOTHLY...

AH, YOU'RE RIGHT ON THE MONEY.
IS THAT RANKING ABOUT RIGHT?

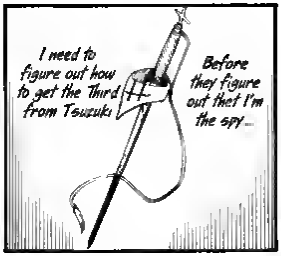
THE MOON'S STILL FULL...
THE HOLY WAR HAS YET TO END
WE'VE BARELY BEEN ABLE TO READ ANY OF THE BOOK THAT WE OBTAINED IN THE FIRST HOLY WAR.
IT SEEMS THAT THE INHERITANCES THAT APPEARED TOGETHER ARE LINKED.
UNLESS ALL THREE OF THEM ARE TOGETHER
IT MIGHT BE MEANINGLESS...
UNTIL ONE SIDE OR THE OTHER GIVES UP OR IS NO LONGER ABLE TO FIGHT...
THE INHERITANCES GAINED SO FAR WILL NOT COUNT.
WE MUST.. FIND A WAY TO GET THEM BACK.

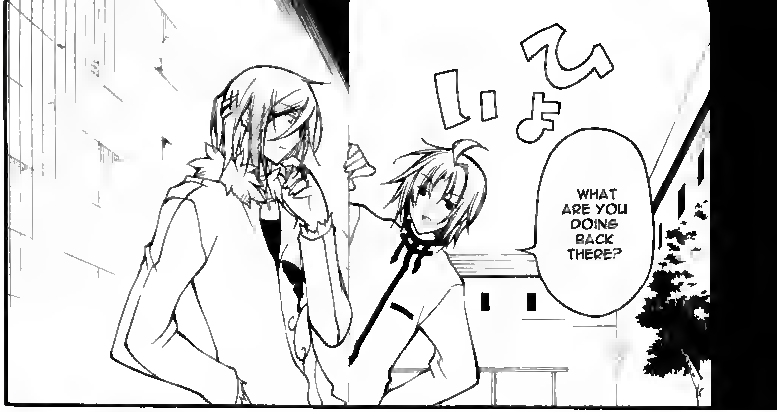

4TH → 5TH → 3RD
RANKED IN ORDER OF IMPOR
TANCE TO THEM
OK

It seems they've realized that there's a spy. I've been careless.

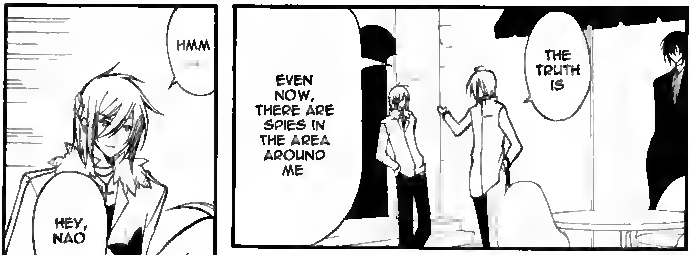

Send
. this means I won't have it easy anymore

and give it to Satsuki...


I need to figure out how to get the Third from Tsuzuki
Before they figure out that I'm the spy...


WHAT ARE YOU DOING BACK THERE?

I AM TRAINING TO MERGE WITH IN-ORGANIC MATTER!
The wall I will become the wall
UMM, AH..
EH?
COME HERE AND TAKE A SEAT
HMM
WHAT-EVER YOU SAY

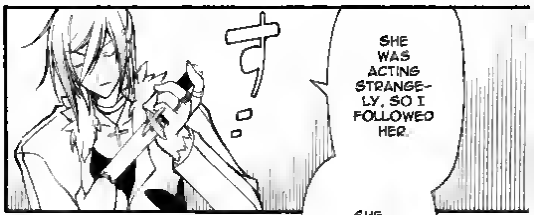

HMM
HEY, NAO
EVEN NOW, THERE ARE SPIES IN THE AREA AROUND ME
THE TRUTH IS

ARE YOU REALLY A SPY?
He just threw the question straight at me like an idiot.
I'll still need to be very careful to deflect suspicion
AS IF, THERE'S NO WAY
I can't be found out until I have the Third Inheritance.
A SPY? HMM...
THE TRUTH IS...
I REALLY DON'T WANT TO SAY THIS, BUT..
HM? WHAT?
HAVE YOU NOTICED SOMETHING?
I DON'T THINK IT HAS ANYTHING TO DO WITH SPYING
NOW THAT I THINK ABOUT IT..

TSU-
KIMIYA...
HAS BEEN GATHERING GOO'S IN-HERITANCES BEHIND YOUR BACKS.

...WHAT?

THIS IS CERTAINLY AN IN-HERI-TANCE.
IT ISN'T CON-NECTED TO THE HOLY WAR, BUT STILL...


SHE WAS ACTING STRANGE-LY, SO I FOLLOWED HER.

SHE HAS QUITE A FEW OF THEM STASHED IN A VAULT THAT SHE'S RENTING
HMM

I SEE
SO SHE'S BEEN GATHERING THE INHERITANCES BEHIND MY BACK...
THAT'S A LITTLE BIT TROUBLING

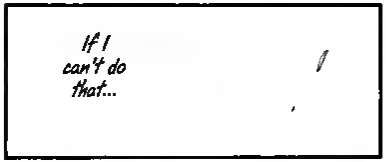
IF SHE IS THE SPY, IT WOULD BE VERY BAD...
SHE KNOWS SOME INCREDIBLY SENSITIVE INFORMATION

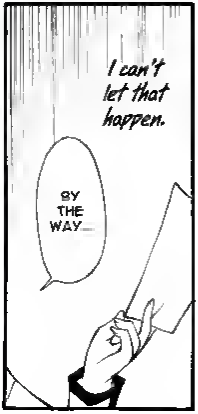
HANAMURA
YES SIR
WATCH TSUKIMIYA CAREFULLY
THANK YOU FOR THE TIP-OFF, NAO
I'M JUST GLAD TO BE OF SERVICE.

What a simple Pureblood Angel...
I've redirected Tsuzuki's suspicions for now.

and pass it on to Satsuki.
I have to hurry up and steal the other half of the Third

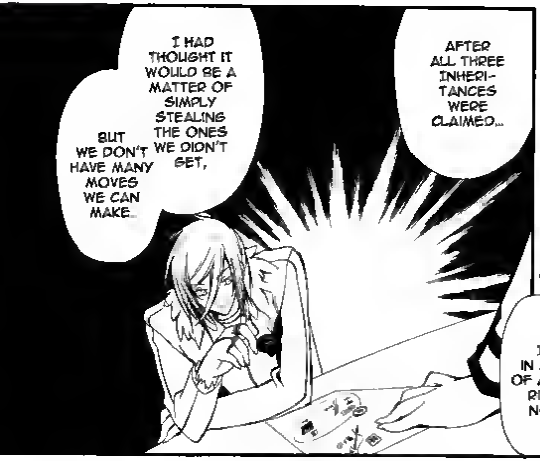
I get the feeling that Hanamura still doesn't trust me.
Even so, this situation can't last forever.


If I can't do that...


I can't let that happen.
BY THE WAY...

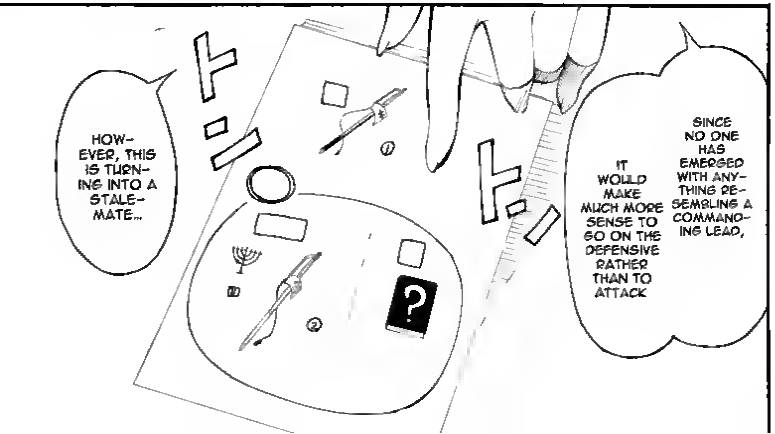
...It might even ruin my contract with Satsuki.

I HAVE SOMETHING I'D LIKE YOU TO DO. I'M TRUSTING IN YOU.
WILL YOU DO IT?


AFTER ALL THREE INHERITANCES WERE CLAIMED...
I HAD THOUGHT IT WOULD BE A MATTER OF SIMPLY STEALING THE ONES WE DIDN'T GET,
BUT WE DON'T HAVE MANY MOVES WE CAN MAKE...

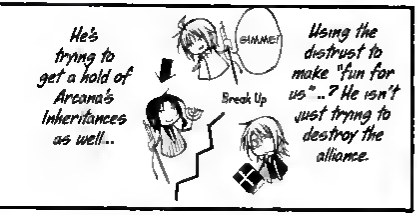
WHAT?

TO TELL THE TRUTH,
I'M IN A BIT OF A BIND RIGHT NOW...


SINCE NO ONE HAS EMERGED WITH ANYTHING RESEMBLING A COMMANDING LEAD,
IT WOULD MAKE MUCH MORE SENSE TO GO ON THE DEFENSIVE RATHER THAN TO ATTACK
HOWEVER, THIS IS TURNING INTO A STALEMATE...
?

I BELIEVE THAT WE... SO
AND SO?
BY HAVING ARCANA MAKE A MOVE
...
WILL ALTER THE SITUATION
AND MAKE THIS BORING SITUATION MUCH MORE FUN FOR US
WE'LL PECK AT THIS
I HAVE INFORMATION THAT RELATIONS BETWEEN SATSUKI AND ARCANA HAVE BECOME STRAINED

I'LL SEND HANAMURA TO ARCANA AS A NEGOTIATOR
AND I WOULD LIKE YOU...
TO ACCOMPANY HIM AS HIS BODYGUARD


He's trying to get a hold of Arcana's inheritances as well...
GIMME!
Break Up
Using the distrust to make "fun for us"...? He isn't just trying to destroy the alliance.

Trouble between Satsuki and Arcana?! I haven't heard anything about this...
If it's true, then this could be bad.

If that happens,

Tsuzuki's team will have the ball!!
the balance of power will completely reverse.
WILL YOU DO THIS FOR ME?

GLADLY
!!
OF COURSE

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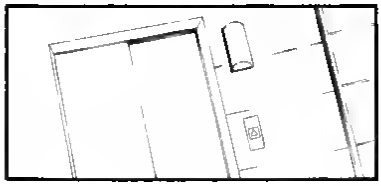

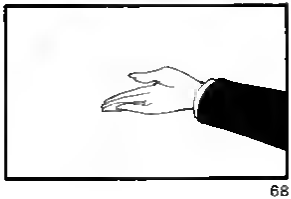

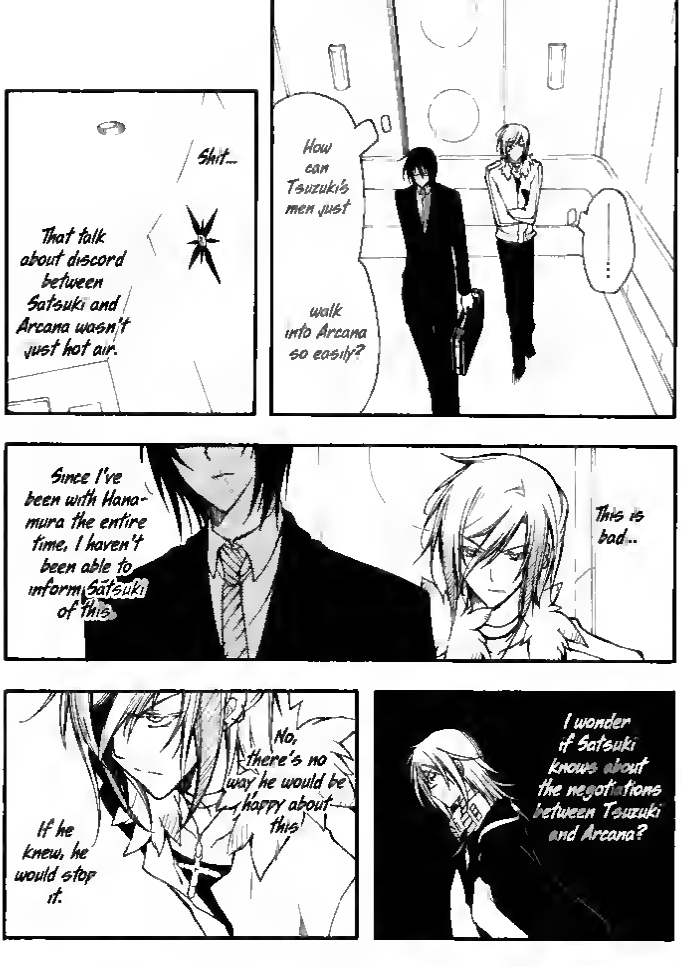
How can Tsuzuki's men just walk into Arcana so easily?
Shit...
That talk about discord between Satsuki and Arcana wasn't just hot air.
Since I've been with Hanamura the entire time, I haven't been able to inform Satsuki of this.
This is bad...
No, there's no way he would be happy about this
If he knew, he would stop it.
I wonder if Satsuki knows about the negotiations between Tsuzuki and Arcana?
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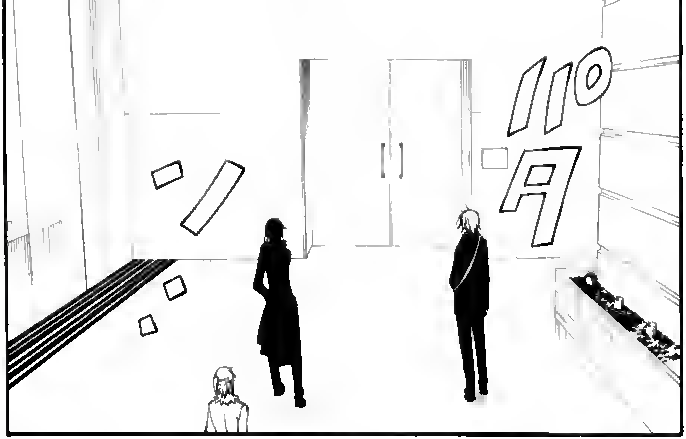
I have to tell him quickly...
dmg

AH
THANK YOU FOR PROPOSING THESE NEGOTIATIONS
!!
TSUZUKI'S REPRESENTATIVES, AM I CORRECT?
THANK YOU
GEH.
WE'LL TALK IN HERE
OUR PRESIDENT
ASKS THAT THE NEGOTIATIONS TAKE PLACE JUST BETWEEN THE TWO REPRESENTATIVES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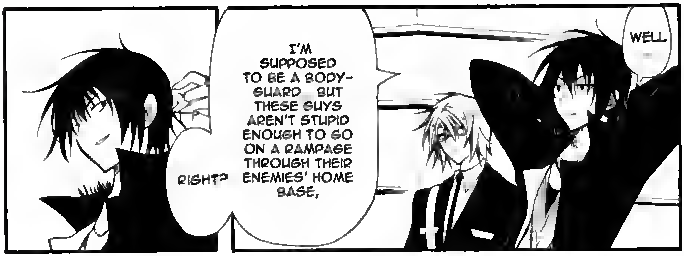

I'M SUPPOSED TO BE A BODY-GUARD BUT THESE GUYS AREN'T STUPID ENOUGH TO GO ON A RAMPAGE THROUGH THEIR ENEMIES' HOME BASE,
RIGHT?
WELL...

Eh? What Are you sick?

The pain..
Ugh h
どおん

TSUZUKI AND AKIRA ENGAGED IN NEGOTIATIONS ATTEMPTING TO SOW DISCORD BETWEEN YOU ALSO THE IN
文字種
設定
カナ

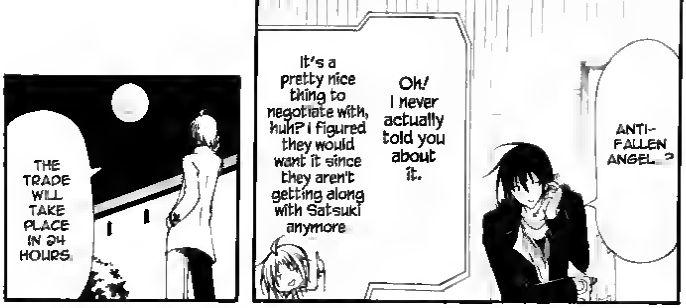
すた
HEY, YOU AL-RIGHT?
HUH, BUT YOU WERE JUST ...?
I GOT BETTER
OH WELL ..
?
?
HEY!
BY THE WAY, HOW'S YOUR HALF-BLOOD CURSE GOING? MADE ANY PROG-RESS?
I DON'T THINK THAT HAS ANY-THING TO DO WITH YOU
COULD YOU PLEASE NOT SPEAK TO ME?
I DON'T FEEL LIKE CHATTING WITH VIL-LAINS
I want to contact Satsuki

SATSUKI HAS A SPY IN YOUR GROUP
SO I HEARD THAT
WHAT?
SINCE WHEN WERE WE ON SUCH BAD TERMS?
BEEN SECRETLY PASSING ON INFOR-MATION TO HIM.
WHO'S
IT'S YOU, ISN'T IT?
WHAT DID YOU SAY?

I MEAN
YOU STILL HAVEN'T FOUND A WAY TO UNDO YOUR CURSE
IT'S NOT LIKE YOU CAN FIND A PUREBLOOD DEMON THIS DAY IN AGE
AND EVEN IF YOU ASKED TSUZUKI TO USE GOD'S POWER, HE HAS NONE TO SPARE AFTER USING IT ON ME AND TSUKIMIYA.
IF IT WERE ME...
I WOULDN'T SEE ANY OTHER OPTION BUT TO ASK SATSUKI TO REMOVE IT RIGHT?
HA.. THIS IS AN ODD CONVERSATION.
A PERSON SPYING ON TSUZUKI FOR SATSUKI WOULD BE AN ALLY OF ARCANA, WOULDN'T THEY?
YET YOU'RE GLEEFULLY TRYING TO UNCOVER HIM...
WITH THE WAY YOU TALK,
IT'S ALMOST AS IF YOU'RE ON TSUZUKI'S SIDE RATHER THAN ARCANA'S..

I feel completely left out.
ピ
カチャ
HELLO.
I HAVE TO CONTACT TSUZUKI FIRST
HOW'D IT GO?
!

HUH?
A TRADE?!
That's right
AND IN EXCHANGE,
Arcana will give us the Fourth Inheritance
WE'LL HAND OVER THE ANTI-FALLEN ANGEL INHERITANCE
T/N: THIS PANEL SEEMS TO FLOW FROM LEFT TO RIGHT. SINCE IZUMI SEEMS TO BE RESPONDING TO TSUZUKI
THAT I GOT THANKS TO YOUR INFORMATION
LET'S TRADE!
Trade
OKAY
Tsuzuki's Anti-Fallen Angel Inheritance
Arcana's Fourth Inheritance


ANTI-FALLEN ANGEL...?
Oh! I never actually told you about it.
It's a pretty nice thing to negotiate with, huh? I figured they would want it since they aren't getting along with Satsuki anymore.
THE TRADE WILL TAKE PLACE IN 24 HOURS.

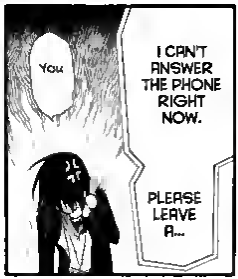
THANKS TO YOUR REPORT THAT THINGS HAD GONE SOUR BETWEEN SATSUKI AND ARCANA,
THINGS HAVE GOTTEN SWEET FOR US.
WELL DONE!

...WAIT A MINUTE!
THAT'S...
SO JUST BRING US BACK THE OTHER HALF OF THE THIRD
AND YOUR MISSION IN ARCANA IS FINISHED
For your own good, you should pull out before they figure out that you're a spy.

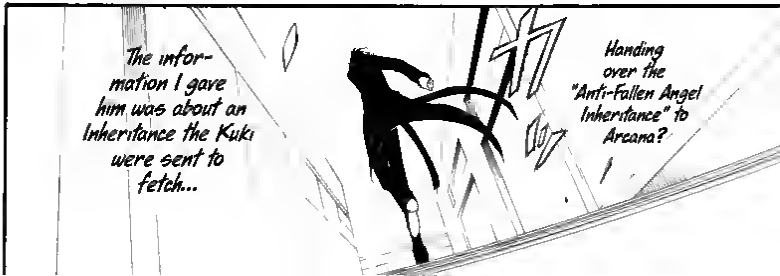
No...
It's not that simple.

KING OF THE FOOLS!
YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND ANYTHING!!

WELL,
I HAVE TO GO NOW!
EH...?
HEY,
WAIT!


YOU
I CAN'T ANSWER THE PHONE RIGHT NOW.
PLEASE LEAVE A...

I STILL HAVE THINGS TO TELL...

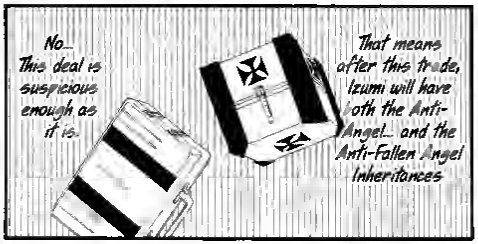

The information I gave him was about an Inheritance the Kuki were sent to fetch...
Handing over the "Anti-Fallen Angel Inheritance" to Arcana?

There is a high probability that one was an "Anti-Angel Inheritance".

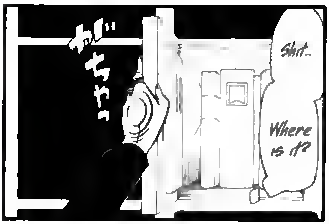
At the same time, Makino and I were sent to get a similar Inheritance from a similar location.
We acquired it and gave it to Izumi

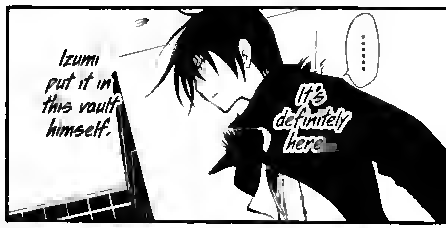
So if you think about it simply..

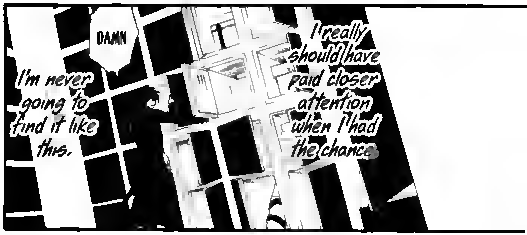
第三保管庫
If they used the Anti-Angel Inheritance, they could just take everything.


No... This deal is suspicious enough as it is.
That means after this trade, Izumi will have both the Anti-Angel... and the Anti-Fallen Angel Inheritances

They could turn the entire Holy War upside down like it was nothing!
negotiations were to gain a trump card that would establish Arcana's dominance over both Satsuki and Tsuzuki
These


Shit..
Where is it?


Izumi put it in this vault himself.
It's definitely here

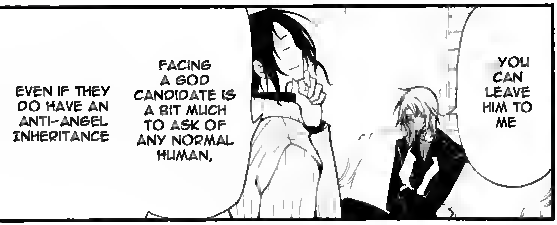

DAMN
I'm never going to find it like this.
I really should have paid closer attention when I had the chance

I REALLY DO HAVE THE WORST LUCK
That idiot... I'm going to hit him so hard.

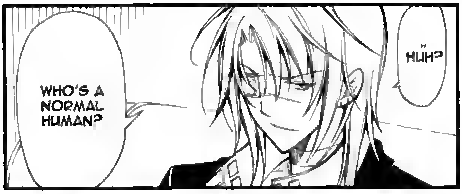
FOUND IT.
BY THE WAY,
TSUZUKI JUST INITIATED NEGOTIA-TIONS WITH US...

IT SEEMS THAT LETTING THE SPY SWIM FREELY HAS PRODUCED RESULTS
HE BELIEVED THE REPORTS THAT WE HAD A FALLING OUT
AND ACTUALLY PUT THE ANTI-FALLEN ANGEL INHERITANCE ON THE TABLE

IF WE CAN SECURE THE ANTI-FALLEN ANGEL INHERITANCE
IT WILL BE SIMPLE TO TAKE
THE OTHER HALF OF THE THIRD, NOT TO MENTION TAKE BACK THE FOURTH WE ARE TRADING AWAY.


YOU CAN LEAVE HIM TO ME
FACING A GOD CANDIDATE IS A BIT MUCH TO ASK OF ANY NORMAL HUMAN,
EVEN IF THEY DO HAVE AN ANTI-ANGEL INHERITANCE

IF IT'S YOU...


HUH?
WHO'S A NORMAL HUMAN?

.....
ANYWAY, WE ARE COMRADES BOUND IN ALLIANCE

LET US COOP-ERATE
TO TAKE DOWN TSU-ZUKI.

Arcana is still allied with Satsuki.
The negotiations are a trap.

Shit...
THE NUMBER YOU HAVE DIALED IS CURRENTLY...
I have to report..

However anyone aside from Tsuzuki could be the spy.
I have to contact someone on Tsuzuki's side...
Anyone will do.
but I can't assume Hamamura and Tsukimiya are trustworthy either.
Nao is the most suspicious.
...all right
詳細
click
XXX-XXXX-XXXX
CALL

click

HUH?

WHAT ARE YOU DOING IN A PLACE LIKE THIS...
HINATA?

SO YOU WERE
THE MOLE AFTER ALL.

BLOODY CROSS

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HINATA,
SO YOU REALLY WERE...
THE MOLE AFTER ALL.
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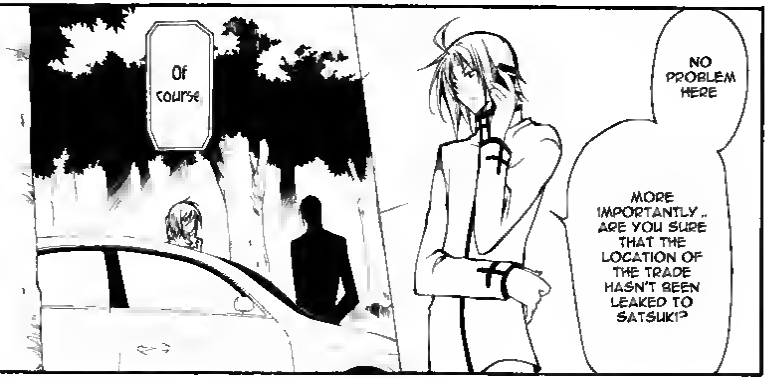
Chapter 21: The One Who Bears the Blame

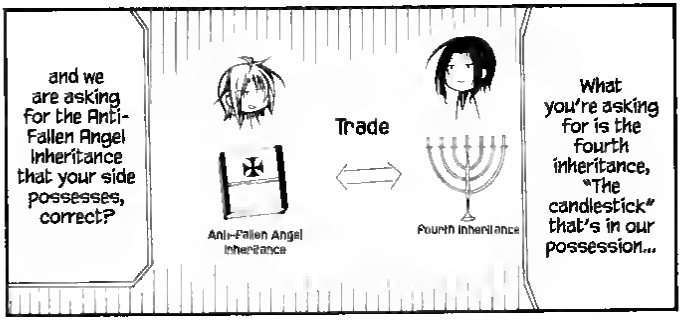
BLOODY CROSS

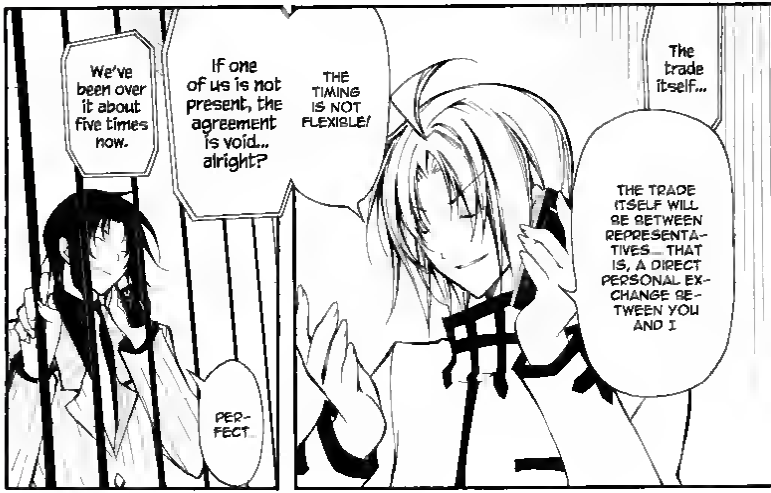
YEAH... WE'RE MAKING PREPARATIONS FOR THE TRADE AS WE SPEAK

TSUZUKI?
THE TRADE WILL TAKE PLACE IN TWO HOURS, AS WE PLANNED YOU DON'T HAVE A PROBLEM WITH THAT DO YOU ..


Of course
NO PROBLEM HERE
MORE IMPORTANTLY .. ARE YOU SURE THAT THE LOCATION OF THE TRADE HASN'T BEEN LEAKED TO SATSUKI?

We wouldn't want any misunderstandings, right?
Ah...
Just to be safe, let's go over the items we're going to exchange again.


and we are asking for the Anti-Fallen Angel Inheritance that your side possesses, correct?
Trade
Anti-Fallen Angel Inheritance
Fourth Inheritance
What you're asking for is the fourth inheritance, "The candlestick" that's in our possession...

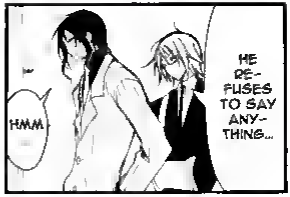

We've been over it about five times now.
If one of us is not present, the agreement is void... alright?
PERFECT
THE TIMING IS NOT FLEXIBLE!
The trade itself...
THE TRADE ITSELF WILL BE BETWEEN REPRESENTATIVES... THAT IS, A DIRECT PERSONAL EXCHANGE BETWEEN YOU AND I

WELL THEN,
I'LL SEE YOU AT THE DESIGNATED PLACE IN TWO HOURS
Right,
I'm looking forward to it.
OPEN IT
ガチャ

OH!

ARE YOU STILL ALIVE, HINATA?

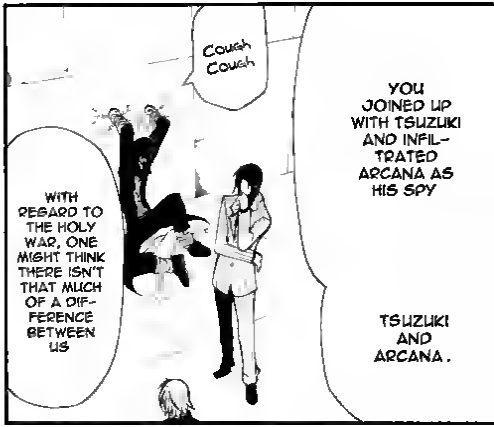
THANKS TO YOU,
OUR NEGO-TIATIONS WITH TSUZUKI HAVE GONE QUITE SMOOTHLY.


HMM
HE RE-FUSES TO SAY ANY-THING...

カルル
YOU WOULD ONLY SET IN THE WAY, SO UNTIL OUR EXCHANGE IS COMPLETE...
I'LL HAVE YOU WAIT HERE PATIENTLY
This exchange...
Arcana is going to use the Anti-Angel Inheritance that they've been hiding and steal the Anti-Fallen Angel Inheritance from Tsuzuki!
With both of them, Arcana would dominate the Holy War!
OH THAT'S RIGHT,
I CAME HERE TO ASK YOU SOMETHING...
はっ

HOWEVER, THEY WERE ACTUALLY IN AN INFERIOR POSITION...
IT WOULD HAVE MADE MUCH MORE SENSE FOR YOU TO HAVE JOINED WITH US
Cough

YET YOU STILL STUCK WITH THE INFERIOR-POSITIONED TSUZUKI


Cough Cough
WITH REGARD TO THE HOLY WAR, ONE MIGHT THINK THERE ISN'T THAT MUCH OF A DIFFERENCE BETWEEN US
YOU JOINED UP WITH TSUZUKI AND INFILTRATED ARCANA AS HIS SPY
TSUZUKI AND ARCANA.

THERE HAS TO BE SOME PERSONAL REASON BEHIND IT.
WHY WOULD A SELF-CENTERED EGOIST LIKE YOU STAY WITH THAT ANGEL?

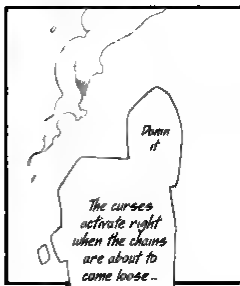
WON'T YOU TELL ME
WHAT YOUR OBJECTIVE IS?

YOUR EXCEL-LENCY, IT'S TIME...
IF WE DON'T START HEADING TO THE LOCATION FOR THE TRADE..
WHEN I RETURN, I'LL TIGHTEN YOUR CHAINS PERSON-ALLY!
.....
AH, YOU'RE RIGHT
Cough..

OW...

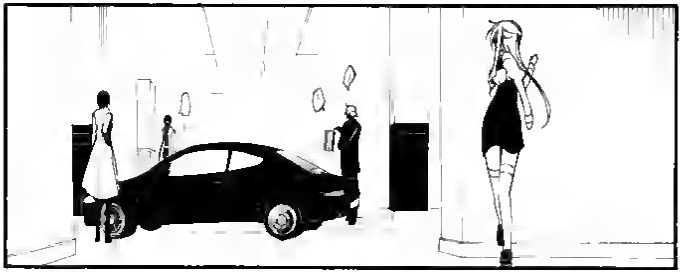
Come loose!

about Arcana's Anti-Angel Inheritance...!
Shit... I have to find a way to warn Tsuzuki...


Damn it
The curses activate right when the chains are about to come loose...

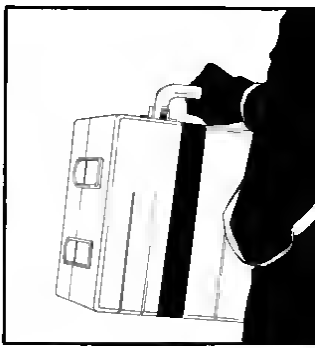
Happy~
It's so perfect!
There's no way Momoe will be found out!
Happy
Happy~
Happy~
Satsuki...
He really seemed angry about Aruma's trade with Tsuzuki.
I'm GOING TO CRUSH TSUZUKI BEFORE THE TRADE CAN
BUT AS LONG AS HE HAS THAT ANTI-FALLEN ANGEL INHERITANCE, I CAN'T MAKE A MOVE

IF I HAD THE ANTI-ANGEL INHERITANCE THAT ARCANA HAS...
TSUZUKI'S ANTI-FALLEN ANGEL INHERITANCE WOULD BE NULLIFIED.
IF ONLY THERE WAS SOME WAY TO GET IT WITHOUT UPSETTING ARCANA...
OH, JUST LEAVE TO MOMOSE!
Momose will totally get that Inheritance for you, Satsuki!
If I'm disguised as one of Tsuzuki's people,
It'll make Tsuzuki's side look bad!



NOW LET'S PUT THIS INHERITANCE IN THE BACK...

FOUND YOU

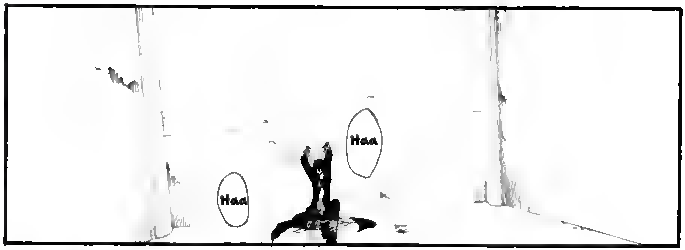


EH...?
AH...
WHA...?
NO WAY?!
BYE-BYE!
I'LL BE TAKING THIS
S-SHIT!
GET IT BACK!!
UNDER-STOOD
EEK!

NOW... WHAT SHOULD WE DO?

I...
I HAVE NO EXCUSE
WE WILL GET IT BACK SOON AS SOON AS POSSIBLE!

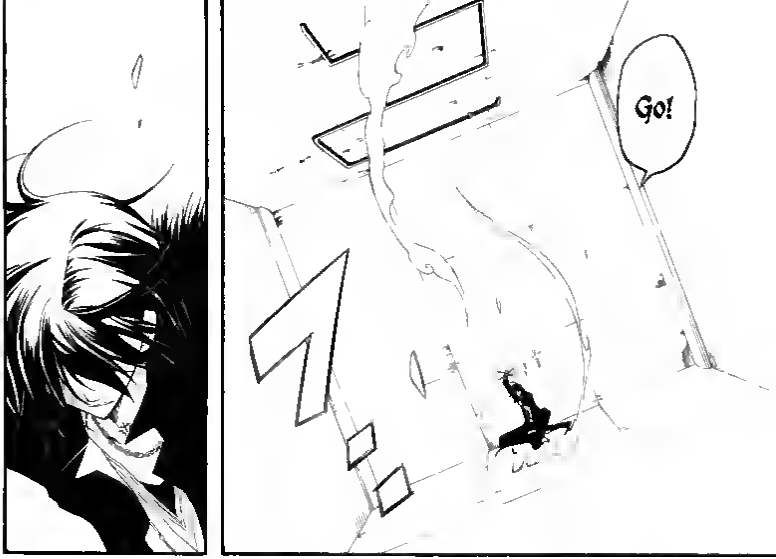
IF WE WAIT UNTIL WE GET BACK THE INHERITANCE...
WE WILL BE LATE FOR THE TRADE.


Haa
Haa

Come on...! I have to warn Tsuzuki about the trade...
DAMN IT!

AH

GAH...!!
On
Trans-
mit...
hee
hee
With
this ring...!
Hee
hee
Pop
Arcana...
have an
Anti-Angel
Inheritance...
Do not
make the
trade...

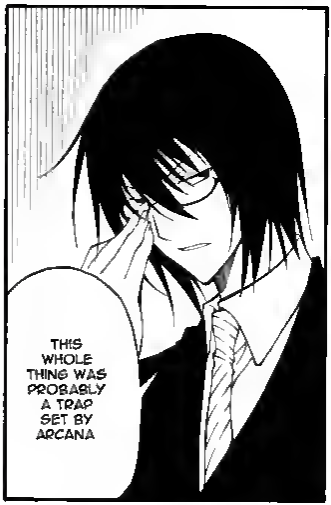

Go!

!!!
I DID IT...

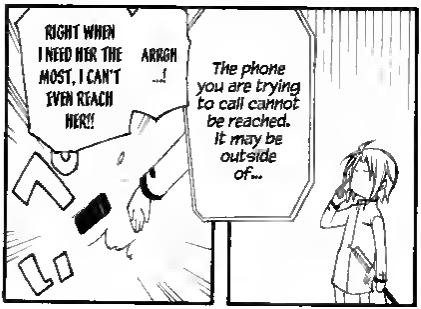
HM?

They have an Anti-Angel Inheritance...
Arcana ...
Do not make the trade...
WHA-?!
!
Hinata's voice...
AN ANTI-ANGEL INHERITANCE?
That means he's been discovered by Arcana
We agreed that we would only use phones unless there was an emergency...
Because the enemy might detect magic.

THE WAY THINGS ARE, IT WILL BE TOO DANGEROUS TO GO THROUGH WITH THE TRADE...
.....
WHAT SHOULD WE DO?


THIS WHOLE THING WAS PROBABLY A TRAP SET BY ARCANA

I DON'T WANT TO CANCEL IT THOUGH
THIS WILL BE OUR ONLY CHANCE TO GET THE FOURTH INHERITANCE


RIGHT WHEN I NEED HER THE MOST, I CAN'T EVEN REACH HER!!
ARRGH ...!
The phone you are trying to call cannot be reached. It may be outside of...

I'LL HAVE HER DO SOMETHING
.....
THEN, FOR NOW...

I'LL SEAL THE THIRD INHERITANCE WITHIN THIS SHRINE
LET'S MOVE OUT! WE CAN'T BE LATE FOR THE TRADE
IT CAN'T BE HELPED... WE'LL HAVE TO THINK OF SOMETHING WHEN THE SITUATION ARISES!
UNDERSTOOD
NAO,
I NEED YOU STAY HERE
HANAMURA AND I WILL MAKE THE TRADE BY OURSELVES.
EH ?

I DON'T WANT TO THE THIRD INHERITANCE TO FALL INTO ENEMY HANDS..
THERE WE GO
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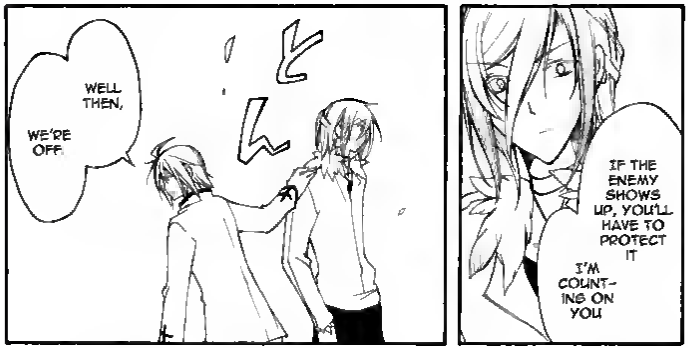

IF THE ENEMY SHOWS UP, YOU'LL HAVE TO PROTECT IT
I'M COUNTING ON YOU
WELL THEN,
WE'RE OFF

Ah...

Really... I didn't think a God candidate could be so stupid!!
HAH!
Putting me, a spy, in charge of keeping it away from the enemy...
I'm having a bad feeling about the trade between Tsuzuki and Arcana...
STEAL THE THIRD INHERITANCE FROM TSUZUKI AS SOON AS YOU CAN
IF YOU CAN DO THAT, THE SITUATION WILL CHANGE
AND THEIR ENTIRE TRADE WILL BE NULLIFIED.
WELL, THAT'S GOING TO BE TOUGH

I HAVE NO INTENTION OF SITTING IDLY WHILE THE HOLY WAR ENDS.
HOW LONG DO YOU PLAN ON MAKING ME WAIT?
.....
Ki...
IF YOU FAIL TO BRING ME THE THIRD INHERITANCE BY THAT TIME...
Until Tsuzuki and Arcana begins their trade.
YOUR TIME LIMIT WILL BE LET'S SEE...
HA HA
OUR CONTRACT TO REMOVE YOUR HALF-BLOOD'S CURSE...
WILL BE VOIDED.

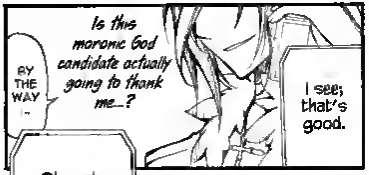
Until the trade, huh...? What an easy win for me.
"Edict of Unlocking"
"Break and Remove"
"Ero-Shirt"

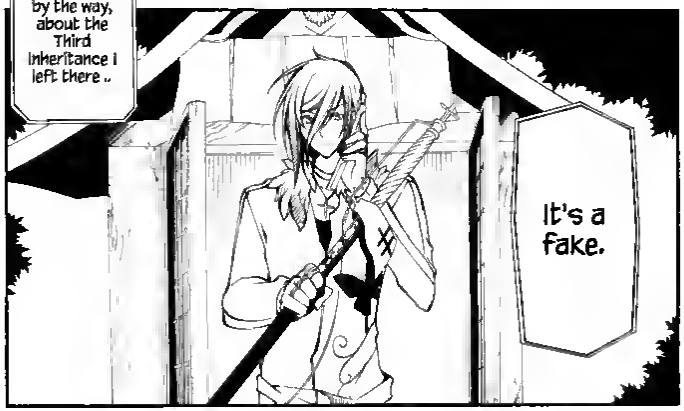
HAHA, LOOK...!
I'M GOING TO SURVIVE!!

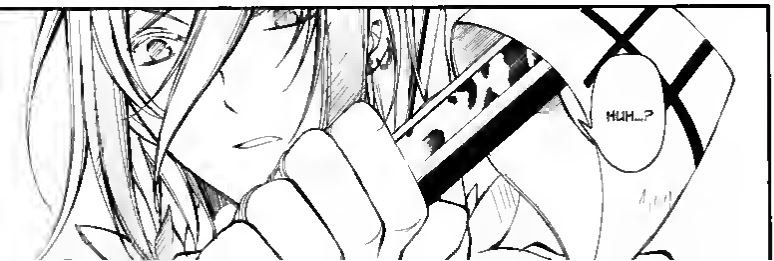
NOW SATSUKI WILL REMOVE MY HALF-BLOOD'S CURSE
AND I WILL FINALLY BE FREE!
HA HA...
A HA HA HA!!

Yo, are you doing your job well?
HELLO ..
-from Tsuzuki?
OF COURSE I AM, PURE-BLOOD -SAMA

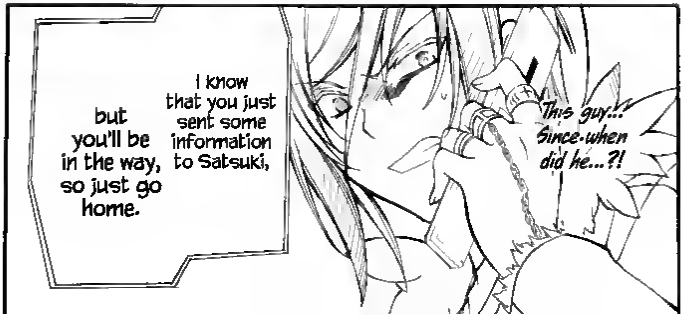
HA...
PLL
!


Is this moronic God candidate actually going to thank me...?
BY THE WAY ..
I see; that's good.

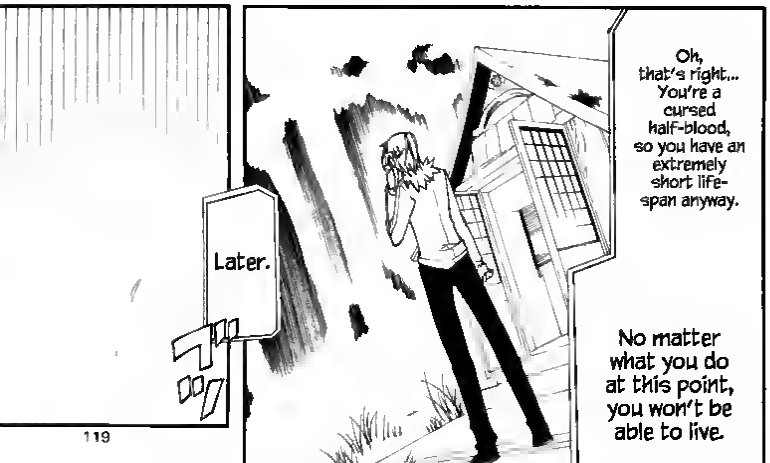

Oh yeah, by the way, about the Third Inheritance I left there ..
It's a fake.


HUH...?

I'm disappointed to find out...
THAT YOU WERE THE SPY


I know that you just sent some information to Satsuki,
but you'll be in the way, so just go home.
This guy...! Since when did he...?!

I'LL KILL YOU
AFTER I GET BACK FROM THE TRADE...
IF YOU'RE STILL HANGING AROUND
ONE MORE THING...
But...
Even if you grovel before Satsuki and say "I couldn't get the inheritance,"
he'll probably just kill you too anyway.
WHY DON'T YOU JUST RUN AWAY?
THAT WAY YOU COULD AT LEAST SAVE YOUR OWN LIFE...


Later.
Oh, that's right... You're a cursed half-blood, so you have an extremely short life-span anyway.
No matter what you do at this point, you won't be able to live.

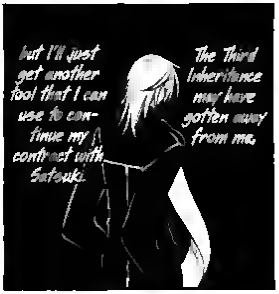
I have to do some-thing..!!
I have
DAMN PURE-BLOOD!
THAT

AH...

HE SAID "ANTI-ANGEL INHERI-TANCE".
HE...
They have an Anti-Angel Inheri-tance...
"Arc ana. "
Do not make the trade..."

...nd Satsuki will have an item to use against Tsuzuki in the Holy War!
If I can steal that, maybe Arcana will cancel the trade with Tsuzuki...

If I can obtain the Anti-Angel Inheri-tance,
I will survive...!!

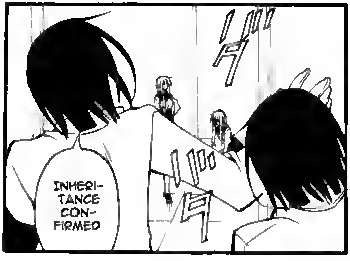

but I'll just get another tool that I can use to con-tinue my contract with Satsuki.
The Third Inheritance may have gotten away from me.

Basically...

Eek!
AHA, SO MANY OF THEM ARE AFTER ME!
HE HE, NOW TSUZUKI'S SIDE WILL LOSE!
I JUST HAVE TO GIVE THE INHERI-TANCE TO SAT-SUKI...
MMPH?!

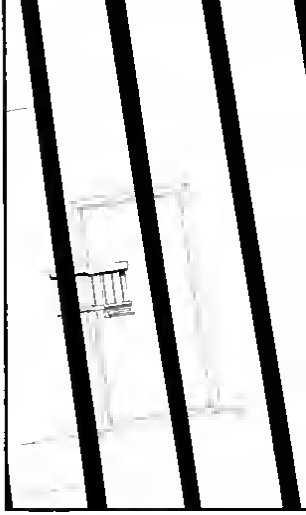
OUCH!
AH, THE INHERI-TANCE...!
HMM... SO THIS IS GOD'S INHERITANCE?

I THINK I'LL TAKE IT.


INHERI-TANCE CON-FIRMED

The real one!
GRR...

MY, THERE SURE ARE A BUNCH OF YOU
IF YOU WERE CHASING HER AROUND THAT DESPERATELY,
THEN THIS INHERITANCE MUST BE SOMETHING PRETTY IMPORTANT TO YOU
SO?
WHAT
KIND IS IT?



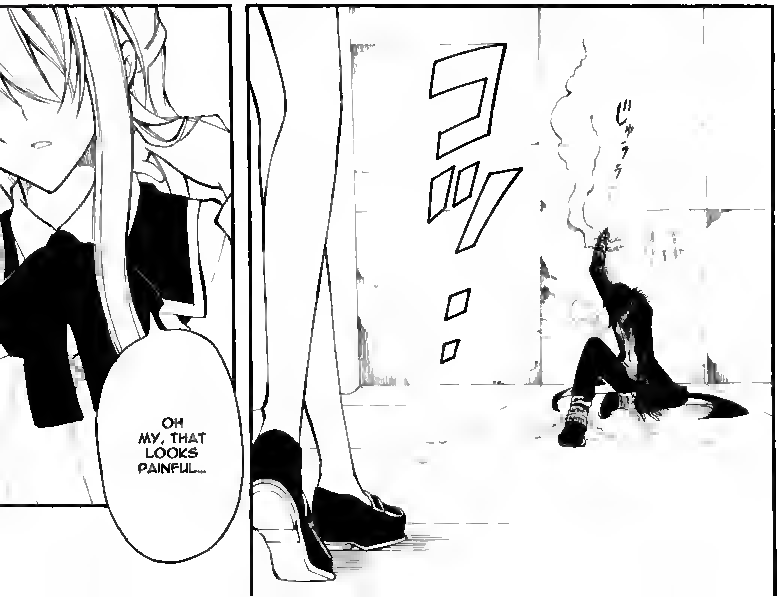
This spell binding. it still won't come off of my right arm..
SHIT

He absolutely has to win the Holy War this time.
Well. at the very least, I was able to warn Tsuzuki about Arcana's Inheritance...

Hee.
I wonder if I can get myself out of here alive...

I haven't been able to feel my left arm for a while.
After that... if he could get me out of here, then three million cheers for him.

GWA AAH...


OH MY, THAT LOOKS PAINFUL...

DO YOU NEED ANY HELP?

WAIT..
NO, NO, NO, NO, THERE'S NO WAY!!
THAT COLD-BLOODED WOMAN WOULD NEVER COME TO A PLACE LIKE THIS!
AH, THIS IS BAD; I ALMOST LET MY-SELF BE TRICKED!!
TSUKI
EH..?

YOU!
YOU'RE THAT TRANSFORMING CAT, AREN'T YOU?
LIKE I'D FALL FOR THAT, STUPID!
...HUH?
B..?
I GOT A MESSAGE, SO I CAME HERE
YOU CALLED ME, RIGHT?
!
WHO ARE YOU CALLING STUPID, STUPID?!
YOU IDIOT!
AFTER I TOOK THE TROUBLE TO VISIT YOU!
OW! THAT HURTS!
OUCH!
AH...
I'M TAKING THESE OFF
I swiped the key from them.
Huh... Did I call her?

SHUSH, BE QUIET!
I'M ON THE PHONE.
THE "ANTI-ANGEL INHERITANCE"!
TAP TAP
O-OI!
THAT'S...

I WAS SEARCHING FOR SOMETHING AT ARCANA AND I FOUND HINATA..

WHERE ARE YOU? I'VE BEEN TRYING TO CALL YOU!!
YES, HELLOOO!
PLL

!!
WHAT...?
SERIOUSLY?!

ALSO,
I GOT A HOLD OF THE ANTI-ANGEL INHERITANCE.

Hey, whatever you do, don't let that fall into Arcana's or Satsuki's hands!
Ever!
THEN WHY DON'T YOU TAKE IT?
IT WOULD DEFINITELY BE THE SAFEST WITH YOU.
Plus guarding it would be a pain...
!

Alright, I'm a genius!
WELL THEN HINATA,
PLEASE TAKE THIS TO TSUZUKI

AH..
IF WE DID THAT, I COULD MAKE THE TRADE WITH NO WORRIES!!

EH? WHAT ABOUT YOU?
I'LL STICK AROUND HERE FOR A WHILE

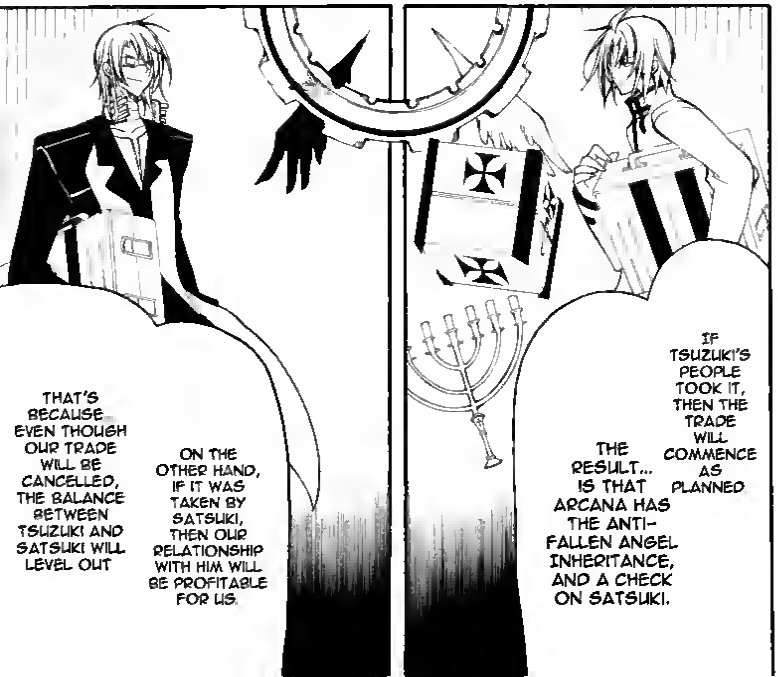
Greedy!

THE OTHER HALF OF THE THIRD INHERITANCE IS STILL HERE...
SINCE I'M ALREADY HERE, WOULDN'T IT BE A WASTE IF I DIDN'T PICK IT UP AS WELL?

FOR THE TIME BEING,
I'LL FOCUS ON GETTING THIS TO HIM WITHOUT DYING.
HAA
I CAN'T USE MY LEFT ARM,
BUT I'LL HAVE TO MANAGE
"On"
"Transfer"
THE ANTI-ANGEL INHERI-TANCE
IS IT REALLY ALRIGHT TO LEAVE WITHOUT GETTING IT BACK?

AH, TSUZUKI HAS MOST LIKELY LEARNED OF ITS EXISTENCE ALREADY.
IF HE KNOWS ABOUT IT, WE CAN'T USE IT TO TAKE HIM BY SURPRISE ANYWAY,
SO IT'S FINE.

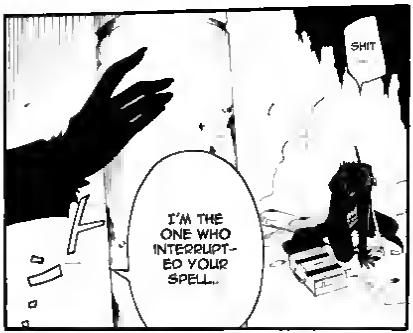
DO WE REALLY NEED TO WORRY ABOUT THE STOLEN INHERITANCE?
BESIDES,


THAT'S BECAUSE EVEN THOUGH OUR TRADE WILL BE CANCELLED, THE BALANCE BETWEEN TSUZUKI AND SATSUKI WILL LEVEL OUT
ON THE OTHER HAND, IF IT WAS TAKEN BY SATSUKI, THEN OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH HIM WILL BE PROFITABLE FOR US.
THE RESULT... IS THAT ARCANA HAS THE ANTI-FALLEN ANGEL INHERITANCE, AND A CHECK ON SATSUKI.
IF TSUZUKI'S PEOPLE TOOK IT, THEN THE TRADE WILL COMMENCE AS PLANNED.

WILL DETERMINE OUR COURSE OF ACTION.
THE RESULT OF THIS TRADE...

...CH!
OH...

I SHOULD AT LEAST BE ABLE TO COMPLETE A TRANS-FER, EVEN THOUGH I DO HAVE A BAD ARM...
Where am I?
THE SPELL MUST HAVE STOPPED WORKING MID-TRANSIT...
I made a hole in the roof...
WHAT THE...?


SHIT...
I'M THE ONE WHO INTERRUPTED YOUR SPELL...

OW...

THAT'S THE ANTI-ANGEL INHERITANCE, ISN'T IT?

I'M TAKING THAT INHERI-TANCE..
MY SURVIVAL DEPENDS UPON IT.

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WE'LL SOON ARRIVE AT THE LOCATION DESIGNATED BY ARCANA.
ブロロ

ONLY 15 MINUTES UNTIL THE TRADE, HUH?

AS LONG AS I HOLD THE ANTI-ANGEL INHERITANCE, OUR VICTORY IS ASSURED!
I have both the Anti-Angel and Anti-Fallen Angel Inheritance.
If I can't get the Anti-Fallen Angel Inheritance...
I can't do anything...
THEIR ONLY CHOICE IS TO TRADE WITH ME
ARCANA... THEY NEED THE ANTI-FALLEN ANGEL INHERITANCE FOR WHEN THEY HAVE TO FACE OFF WITH SATSUKI

IT FEELS SO GOOD WHEN THINGS GO OUR WAY
YES!
THIS IS GREAT!

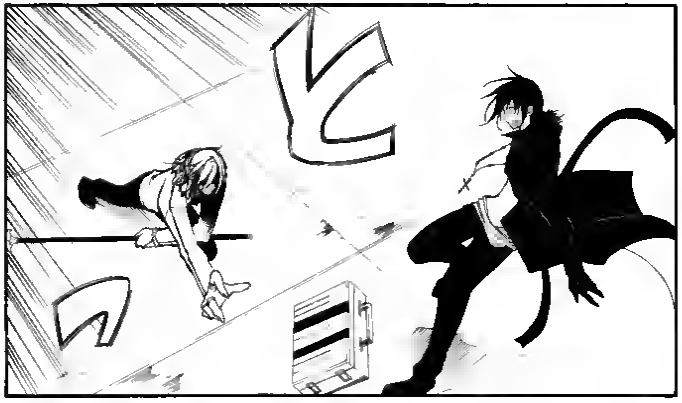
IT WOULD MEAN BIG TROUBLE IF ARCANA OR SATSUKI WERE ABLE TO RETAKE IT
WE HAVEN'T RECEIVED IT YET..
I HAVE WON!
ALSO, THE PIVOTAL ANTI-ANGEL INHERITANCE THAT THEY POSSESSED WILL SOON BE IN MY HANDS

PLL
BUT WE DON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT THAT ANYMORE
AH...
IT COULD EASILY BECOME OUR GREATEST OBSTACLE IN THE ENTIRE HOLY WAR
ESPECIALLY IF THEY WERE ABLE TO GET IT AND USE IT DURING THE TRADE..

HEY,
I'M AT ARCANA'S BASE SEARCHING FOR THE THIRD INHERITANCE RIGHT NOW
I MIGHT NOT BE BACK FOR A WHILE..
YOU'RE STILL CARRYING AROUND THE ANTI-ANGEL INHERITANCE, AREN'T YOU?
COULD YOU MAKE BRINGING IT TO ME A PRIORITY?
Hinata has it, he should have already given it to you.
EH?
BUT...
HE HASN'T COME BACK YET
HUH?
HE LEFT ARCANA A WHILE AGO.
THAT'S STRANGE...

Chapter 22: Time of Judgement

DA MN
"Or"
"Protection Act..."
TCH!



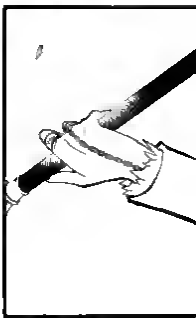
Even if I try to use spells,
my left arm is dead and my right arm isn't moving like I want it to...!

GAH!
SHIT

I have...

no choice but to escape from here...!

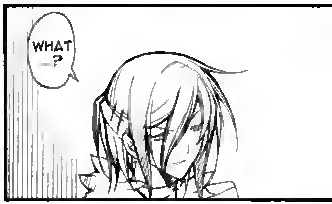
This won't even be close to a fair fight.



IF YOU'RE PLANNING ON LEAVING...
THEN LEAVE THE ANTI-ANGEL INHERITANCE WITH ME.
Damn.
HOLD ON...
I WAS... ACTUALLY WAITING FOR A CHANCE TO TELL YOU SOMETHING
IT'S SOMETHING THAT COULD BENEFIT BOTH OF US
?
YOU'RE SATSUKI'S SPY, RIGHT?

HOW ABOUT WE TWO SPIES..
JOIN FORCES?

I HAVE AN IDEA
WE COULD USE BOTH OF THEM ARE YOU INTERE-STED?
TSUZUKI AND SATSUKI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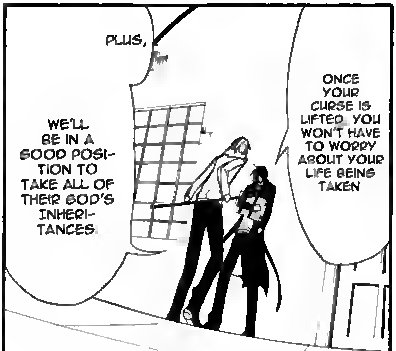
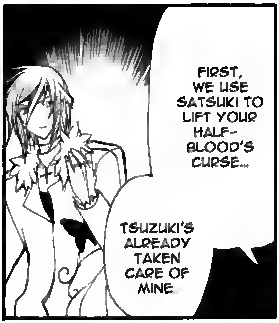
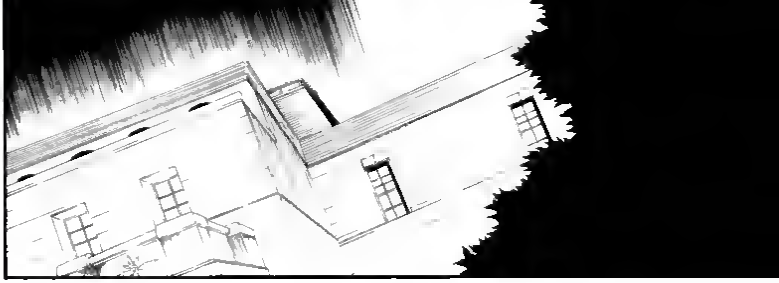

PLUS,
WE'LL BE IN A GOOD POSI-TION TO TAKE ALL OF THEIR DAD'S INHERI-TANCES.
ONCE YOUR CURSE IS LIFTED, YOU WON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT YOUR LIFE BEING TAKEN


FIRST, WE USE SATSUKI TO LIFT YOUR HALF-BLOOD'S CURSE...
TSUZUKI'S ALREADY TAKEN CARE OF MINE

WOULDN'T BE A POSSIBILITY FOR US PAWNS UNLESS EVERY-THING WAS AL-READY IN PLACE
THAT IDEA...
NOT A BAD PROPOSI-TION THOUGH, RIGHT?
IT'S
IT'S A LIE...
IF IT WERE POS-SIBLE, YOU WOULDN'T BE GOING THROUGH ALL OF THIS TROUBLE
IN FACT, I THINK
YOUR NAME, YOUR PERSONALITY, YOUR WHOLE EXISTENCE...
IT'S ALL NOTHING BUT LIES; YOU'RE A LIAR.
THAT EVERYTHING SINGLE THING ABOUT YOU, FROM THE TOP OF YOUR HEAD TO THE SOLE OF YOUR FEET, IS A LIE.

I'M CERTAIN OF IT...
AM I WRONG?
IS THAT SO?
AH..
YOU'RE WAY OFF THE MARK.
BY THE WAY, AND FEEL FREE TO SKIP THE HARD TO UNDERSTAND DETAILS.
BUT COULD YOU TELL ME THE REASON WHY YOU EVEN GOT INVOLVED IN THIS HOLY WAR IN THE FIRST PLACE?
...HUH? WHAT'S THIS ALL OF A SUDDEN?
YOU'VE ALREADY BEEN FREED FROM THE HALF BLOOD'S CURSE...
SO WHY DO YOU STILL HANG AROUND GOD'S INHERITANCES? TO BE HONEST, YOU'RE AN EYESORE.
Well.
For the money of course.
I KNOW YOU'RE NOT IN THIS FOR THE MONEY, TRY AGAIN.
.....

MAN, GIVE ME A BREAK...
WHY DOES EVERYONE CONCERN THEMSELVES WITH MY PERSONAL CIRCUMSTANCES?
AH...
FINE THEN
SO YOU'RE FINALLY GOING TO GIVE ME THE REAL REASON?
I...
REALLY HATE THE FALLEN ANGEL SATSUKI, SO I WANT TO GET IN HIS WAY
QUIT WASTING MY TIME...
GO AH!
STOP WITH YOUR STUPID JOKES...
VILLAIN
AND START BEGGING FOR YOUR LIFE,



GOOD EVE-NING.
THERE'S STILL ABOUT 10 MINUTES UNTIL THE DESIGNATED TIME..
EVERY-ONE IS AL-READY HERE, BUT... SHALL WE WAIT UNTIL THE PROMISED TIME TO BEGIN THE TRADE?
OF COURSE, THAT'S FINE BY ME
Until I have the Anti-Angel Inheritance in my possession, I won't feel comfortable making the trade...

OH, BY THE WAY,
I WOULD LIKE TO ADD ONE MORE CONDITION TO THE TERMS OF OUR TRADE
A CONDI-TION?
I WOULD LIKE TO ADD THAT...
IF BY THE TIME OF THE TRADE THAT YOU STILL HAVEN'T ACQUIRED THE ANTI-ANGEL INHERITANCE
THEN ARCANA WILL NOT BE TRADING WITH YOU
WHAT?!
SINCE THE ANTI-ANGEL INHERITANCE HAS BEEN STOLEN FROM ARCANA, THE SITUATION HAS CHANGED
IT WOULD BE UNWISE TO MAKE THE TRADE WITH-OUT KNOW-ING ITS WHERE-ABOUTS
IN OTHER WORDS
IF IT HAPPENED TO BE IN YOUR HANDS, THEN TRADING WITH YOU WOULD HAVE ITS BENEFITS

WE WEREN'T THE ONES WHO CHANGED THE SITU-ATION
AFTER COMING THIS FAR, IT'S PRETTY SELFISH OF YOU TO CHANGE THE CONDI-TIONS
THEN WE HAVE NO PROBLEM CANCELLING THE TRADE RIGHT HERE AND NOW
IF YOU CAN'T ACCEPT THE CONDI-TIONS,
WHAT... DID YOU SAY?!

SLIDE
HEY...
YOU KNOW...
HMPH

THAT ONE...
IT'S A FAKE
SAVE YOUR BREATH, YOU'RE PATHETIC
GUH...
I HAVE NO OTHER WAY OUT!

I WON'T GIVE UP!
I WILL DEFINITELY SURVIVE!
GAH...
SO I WON'T SCREW IT UP HERE!
GNAH...
INSTEAD OF SOMEONE LIKE ME...
RIGHT?!
YOU KNOW WHAT..
VILLAINS LIKE YOU SHOULD REALLY JUST DIE
GOD,
PLEASE GRANT ME A LONG A HAPPY LIFE IN EX-CHANGE FOR THIS VILLAIN THAT I'M ABOUT TO KILL.
AH,
THAT'S A REALLY GOOD IDEA.
.....
THAT'S RIGHT.

AMEN!

All I have to do is hurry and give this to Satsuki-!
Now...
I have the Anti-Angel Inheritance
I CAME HERE TO GET THE ANTI-ANGEL INHERI-TANCE, BUT...
NAO
IT SEEMS THAT YOU'VE ALREADY ACQUIRED IT

I COULDN'T STEAL THE THIRD INHERITANCE FROM TSUZUKI
SATSUKI, HEAR ME OUT!
SATSUKI...!
WITH THIS,
YOU'LL HAVE AN EVEN GREATER ADVANTAGE OVER TSUZUKI IN THE HOLY WAR!
BUT... I WAS ABLE TO GET THE ANTI-ANGEL INHERITANCE INSTEAD
I WANT YOU TO FREE ME FROM MY HALF-BLOOD'S CURSE!!
IN EXCHANGE
SO PLEASE,

AL-
RIGHT
THEN.
I WILL
GRANT
YOU
YOUR
WISH.
!!
AH... THIS
HOLY WAR
IS STILL
WITH
THE ANTI-
ANGEL IN-
HERITANCE
IN MY
HANDS,
NEITHER
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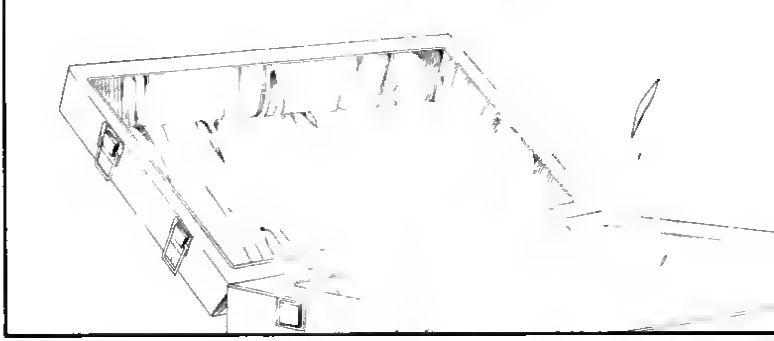
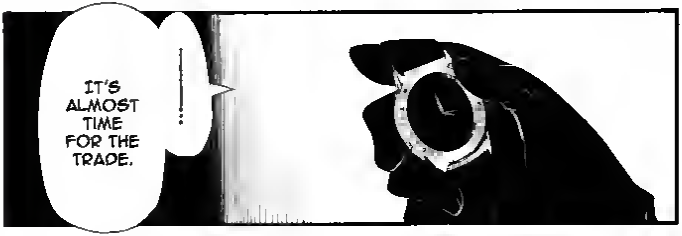
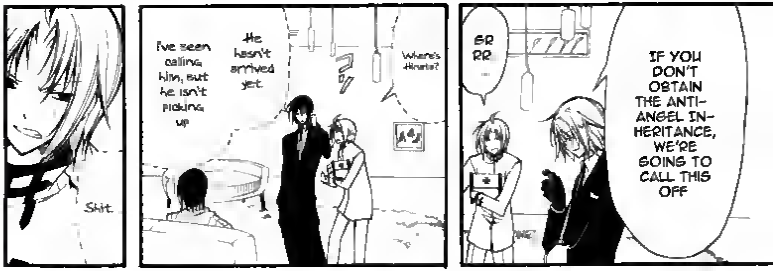



IT'S ALMOST TIME FOR THE TRADE.


Shit.
I've been calling him, but he isn't picking up
He hasn't arrived yet
Where's Hinata?
ERRR...
IF YOU DON'T OBTAIN THE ANTI-ANGEL INHERITANCE, WE'RE GOING TO CALL THIS OFF

Is this close to being mine...!!
The Fourth Inheritance

ONLY 30 SEC-ONDS LEFT
THAT'S TOO BAD, I WAS REALLY LOOKING FOR-WARD TO THE TRADE
30 SEC-ONDS
BUT IT SEEMS THAT IT ISN'T GOING TO HAPPEN.
10…
9…
8…
Shit...!!
5…
4…
3…
2…

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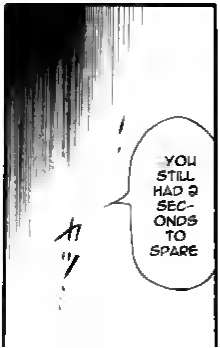
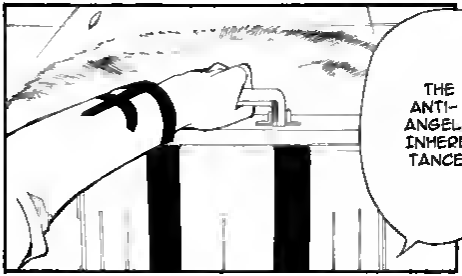
!!

...EH?
THIS IS...


YOU STILL HAD 2 SECONDS TO SPARE
カッ!


THE ANTI-ANGEL INHERITANCE!

YOU GET DEPRESSED TOO QUICKLY
THE ANTI-ANGEL INHERITANCE.. IS NOW WITHIN YOUR POSSESSION
HUH.?!
WAI- WHAT'S GOING ON HERE?!
You're not Hinata!
OH,
AND OF COURSE
THE THIRD INHERITANCE AS WELL.

Eh
Ok.
AH! THAT'S...
YOU DID IT...!
THAT'S OUR THIRD INHERITANCE, ISN'T IT?!
bicker bicker
yap yap yap
AH..
WASN'T HINATA GOING TO BRING US THE INHERITANCE?
NO,
HE WAS A DECOY
THE ANTI-ANGEL INHERITANCE
IS GOING TO BE A CRUCIAL ELEMENT IN THE TRADE THAT'S ABOUT TO HAPPEN
SINCE HE CAN'T APPROACH THE TRADE LOCATION WITHOUT POSSESSION OF THE ANTI-ANGEL INHERITANCE, SATSUKI
IN ADDITION TO ARCANA, WILL PROBABLY TRY TO STEAL IT
WELL, THAT'S OBVIOUS
WE CAN'T SIMPLY TAKE IT STRAIGHT TO TSUZUKI

THAT'S WHY...
"Oh"
I'M GOING TO TRANS-PORT A FAKE AND ACT AS A DECOY
WHILE YOU DELIVER THE REAL ONE.
OH...
AND DO NOT TELL TSUZUKI ABOUT THIS UNTIL YOU TWO ARE FACE TO FACE.
SAT-SUKI HAS
MOST LIKELY TAPPED HIS PHONE.
You'd better run if they catch you.
YOU IDIOT. WHAT DO YOU PLAN TO DO IF YOU RUN INTO AN ENEMY IN THAT STATE?
YOU'LL DEFINI TELY GET YOUR-SELF KILLED
ANY WAY
I'M A LITTLE CONCERNED ABOUT THE FACT THAT YOU STOLE OUR THIRD INHERI-TANCE AS WELL...
YOU'VE MET THE CONDI-TIONS THAT WE SET.
WE'LL DO THE TRADE
..NOW THEN,
THERE'S NO PROB-LEM, RIGHT?

THE ANTI-FALLEN ANGEL INHERITANCE AND THE FOURTH INHERITANCE WILL BE
EXCHANGED
Ah, this is really great!
YESSS!

Keep up the good work~
Moron
Dunce
Fail
Ha-Ha

WAIT...
YOU'RE WRONG!
I HAD NO WAY OF KNOWING IT WAS A FAKE...

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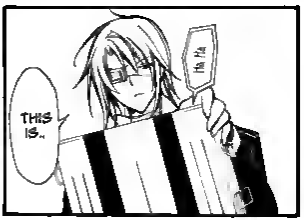
Ha-Ha
THIS IS..

I WON'T BLAME YOU FOR THIS
ガチャン
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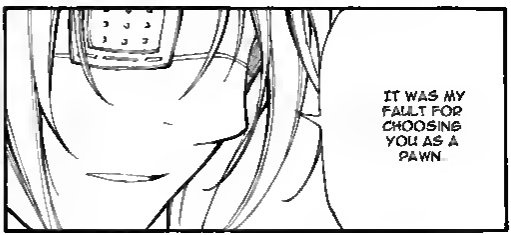
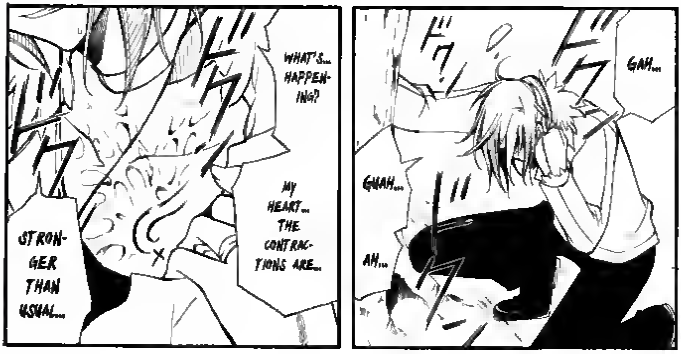

IT WAS MY FAULT FOR CHOOSING YOU AS A PAWN

AHH...
THE MOON IS WANING

THE THIRD HOLY WAR IS OVER
THE TRADE BETWEEN TSUZUKI AND ARCANA TOOK PLACE
THIS MEANS THAT THEY HANDED OVER THE FOURTH INHERITANCE TO TSUZUKI
SILENCE
YOU SHOULD BE GRATEFUL THAT I HAVEN'T ALREADY RIPPED YOU TO PIECES
SATSUKI!
OUR PROMISE IS VOID
YOU WILL NEVER SHOW YOURSELF IN FRONT OF ME AGAIN
THAT'S..
PLEASE WAIT, SATSUKI...!

DON'T TOUCH ME,
SCUM.
GAH...
GO DIE A MISER-ABLE AND LONESOME DEATH
WITH THAT HALF-BLOOD'S CURSE OF YOURS

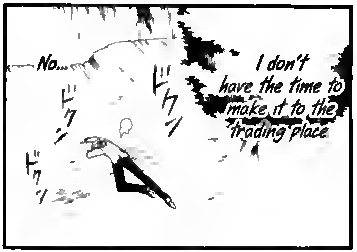
SHIT...
WHAT SHOULD I DO...?
AAH...
I DON'T WANT TO DIE!!
NO! NO, NO, NO!!
THERE'S...
WHAT CAN I DO?!
IF I HAD ONE OF GOD'S INHERITANCES...
JUST WHAT...!
NO WAY OUT!!
I'LL STEAL THEM, AND THEN...!
THERE ARE LOTS OF INHERITANCES AT THE TRADING PLACE!
...TSUZUKI AND ARCANA ARE STILL DOING THE TRADE!

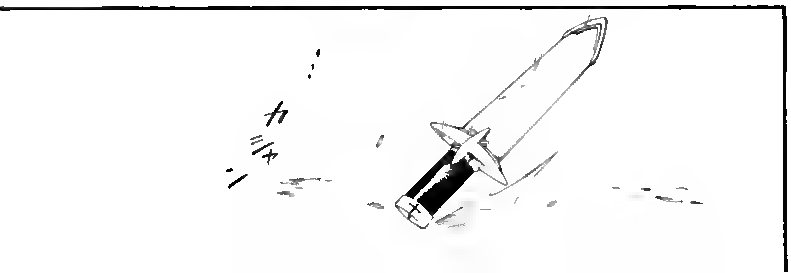

WHAT'S... HAPPENING?
MY HEART... THE CONTRACTIONS ARE...
STRONGER THAN USUAL...
GAH...
GUAH...
AH...

It can't be..
The curse's final spasms...?!
Haa

No...
Not in this place...
I don't want to die...!!

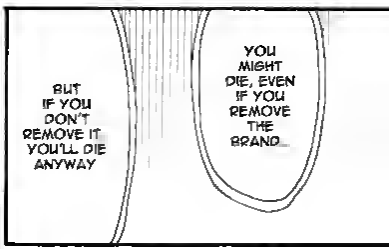
Cough
It's no use...


No...
I don't have the time to make it to the trading place



YOU...
DON'T WANT TO DIE, RIGHT?

IF YOU WANT TO BE SAVED,
THEN USE THIS KNIFE TO CUT OUT YOUR BRAND.


YOU MIGHT DIE, EVEN IF YOU REMOVE THE BRAND...
BUT IF YOU DON'T REMOVE IT YOU'LL DIE ANYWAY

IF I CAN CUT OUT THE BRAND WITH THIS KNIFE... I MIGHT BE ABLE TO LIVE.
AHH...
THAT'S RIGHT...
I absolutely don't want ... to die!!
I don't want to die! I don't want to die!
TCH
If I screw it up though... I'll die for sure
I...
don't want to die in a place like this!!

AH.
..
AA
AH
GU
...
AH
I
WILL
NOT...
DIE!
I...
AH
AAA
AH
Haa
Haa
ABSO-
LUTE-
LY...
WILL
NOT...

!
Why did I volunteer for such a dangerous job...? I'm an idiot...
Hee
Ah...

Ah, man...
Hee
This isn't like me at all.
Cough
My body... feels... heavy...

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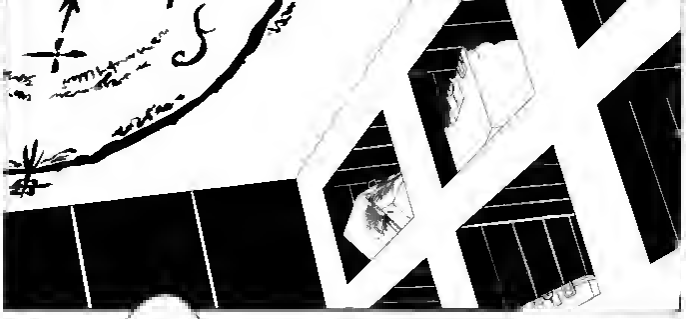

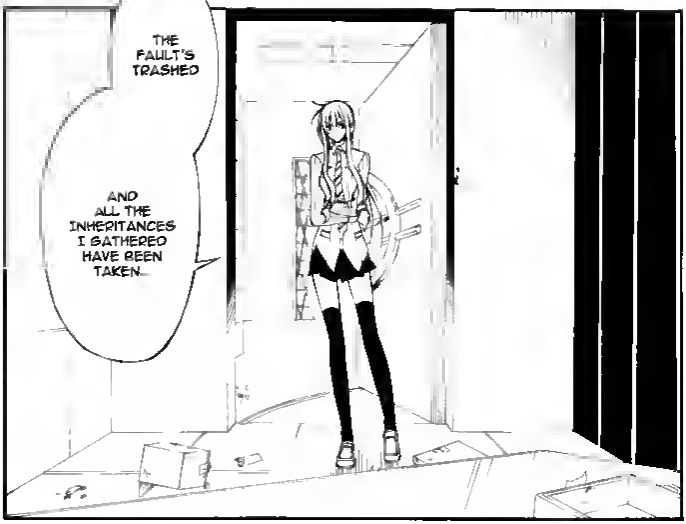
THE FAULT'S TRASHED
AND ALL THE INHERITANCES I GATHERED HAVE BEEN TAKEN...

AS I THOUGHT, NAO REALLY WAS TAILING ME BACK THEN...

NAO...
SINCE WE WERE BOTH HALF-BLOODS, I WANTED TO HELP YOU..
AND THIS IS HOW IT TURNED OUT
They've both been missing since the Holy War ended...
Nao... and Hinata...
Becoming a decoy with those wounds, he was definitely suicidal...
That guy...
SIGH

We haven't found their bodies yet, but...
Since they've yet to turn up, Tsuzuki says that we should consider them both to be dead

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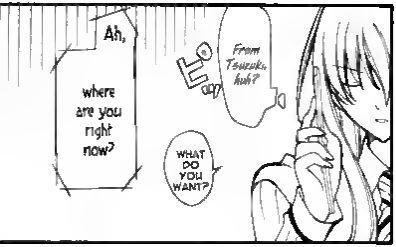
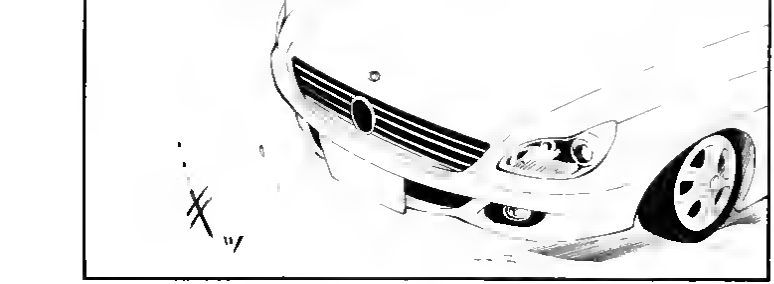
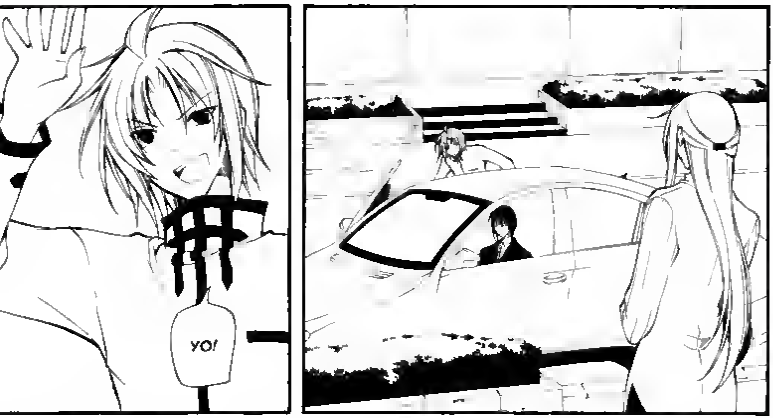
THIS LEAVES A BAD AFTER-TASTE...


Ah,
where are you right now?
From Tsuzuki... huh?
WHAT DO YOU WANT?

I have something important to talk to you about
It needs to be done in person, though.

Chapter 23: The Words of an Angel




YO!

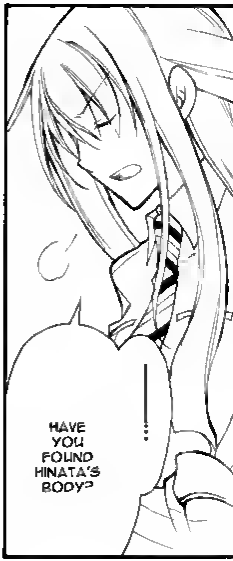
Just get in the car, I'll explain when we get there
Eh?! Wai-
WELL, WELL ...
WELL, WHAT DID YOU WANT TO TELL ME?
WAIT...!

IT'D BE NO FUN IF I TOLD YOU NOW!
THINK OF IT AS A SURPRISE.
.....

YOU SEEM TO BE IN A HURRY, WHERE ARE WE GOING?

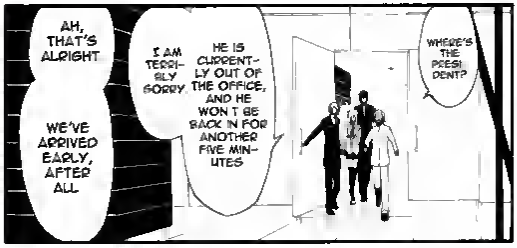
NO, WE'RE STILL SEARCHING
AH, WHAT'S THIS? COULD IT BE THAT YOU'RE WORRIED ABOUT HIM?
LOOK HERE...

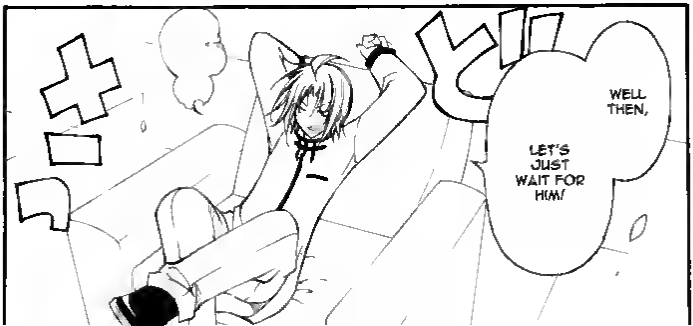
ONE OF THE FEW LOYAL PEOPLE THAT YOU HAD WORKING FOR YOU MIGHT BE DEAD,
YET YOU JUST CHEERFULLY MOVE ON TO THE NEXT JOB WITH THAT STUPID LOOK ON YOUR FACE
YOU DON'T EVEN CONSIDER WHAT MIGHT HAVE HAPPENED
HUH?
ARE YOU LOOKING FOR A FIGHT?


HAVE YOU FOUND HINATA'S BODY?
.....

I'M LOOKING FOR A FIGHT.
THAT'S RIGHT
OUT YOU GO.
AL-RIGHT NOW CHIL-DREN
WE'VE ARRIVED
Gwah!
EH?
THIS IS...!

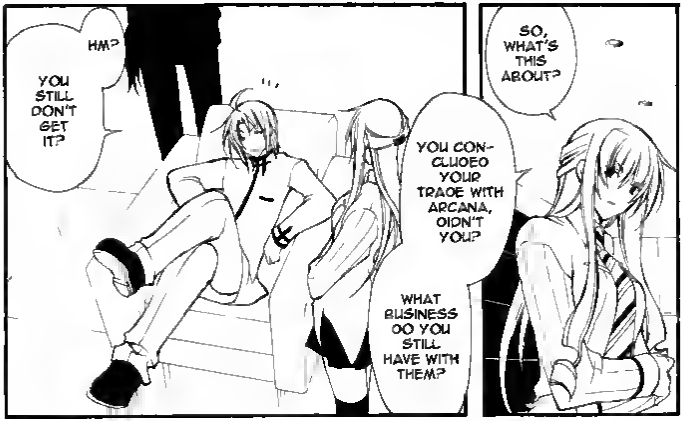
WE'VE BEEN EXPECTING YOU


AH, THAT'S ALRIGHT
WE'VE ARRIVED EARLY, AFTER ALL
I AM TERRIBLY SORRY
HE IS CURRENTLY OUT OF THE OFFICE, AND HE WON'T BE BACK IN FOR ANOTHER FIVE MINUTES
WHERE'S THE PRESIDENT?


WELL THEN,
LET'S JUST WAIT FOR HIM!

Sorry for the trouble...
Coffee, Tea, and Cola...

AH, AREN'T YOU GOING TO SERVE US TEA?


HM? YOU STILL DON'T GET IT?
YOU CONCLUDED YOUR TRADE WITH ARCANA, DIDN'T YOU?
WHAT BUSINESS DO YOU STILL HAVE WITH THEM?
SO, WHAT'S THIS ABOUT?

YOU'RE AS SLOW AS EVER.

!!?
...Huh?!
I HAVE FORMED AN ALLIANCE WITH ARCANA!
I...
Smirk
IT TURNS OUT THAT WE HAVE SIMILAR INTERESTS!
THEN AGAIN MAYBE IT'S JUST MY VIRTUOUS PERSONALITY!

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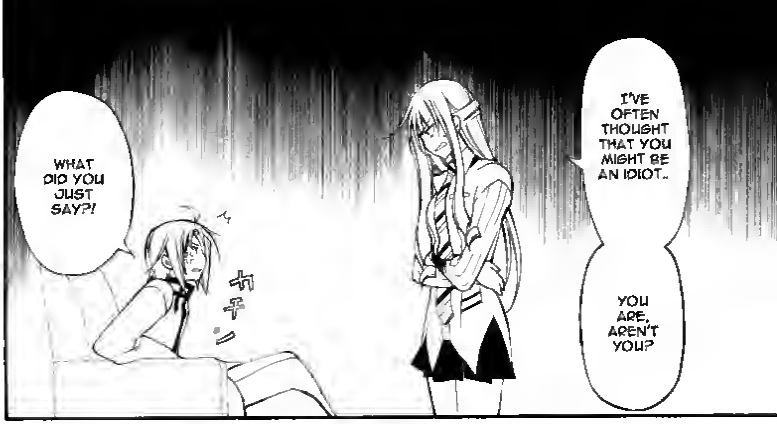
I'VE OFTEN THOUGHT THAT YOU MIGHT BE AN IDIOT..
YOU ARE, AREN'T YOU?
WHAT DID YOU JUST SAY?!

YOU'RE THE IDIOT, MY ENEMY IS SATSUKI!
There's no getting through to him...
LOOK, ARCANA IS THE THIRD MAJOR POWER THAT'S INVOLVED IN THE HOLY WAR WITH YOU AND SATSUKI...

THERE'S NO OTHER WAY TO SAY IT.
ARCANA IS YOUR ENEMY, ARE THEY NOT?

AS THE SAYING GOES,
THERE'S REALLY NOTHING STRANGE ABOUT IT.
THE ENEMY OF MY ENEMY IS MY FRIEND, SO I SHOULD GET ALONG WITH THEM
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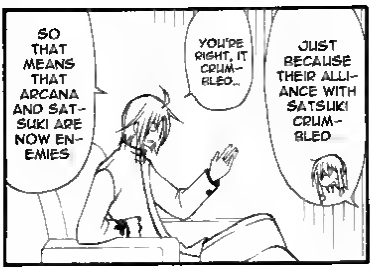
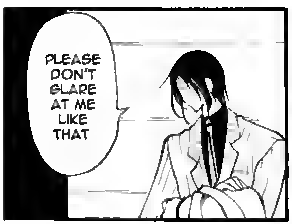

SO THAT MEANS THAT ARCANA AND SATSUKI ARE NOW ENEMIES
YOU'RE RIGHT, IT CRUMBLED..
JUST BECAUSE THEIR ALLIANCE WITH SATSUKI CRUMBLED

HAVEN'T YOU SEEN ALL OF THE THINGS THAT ARCANA HAS DONE UP UNTIL NOW?
AH, IS THAT WHAT YOU'RE CONCERNED ABOUT?
SURE, ARCANA HAS A SHADY SIDE...
THEY OPERATE IN WEAPON DEVELOPMENT AND ARMS DEALING, AFTER ALL
BUT THEY AREN'T ALL THAT SINISTER.
EVEN YOU'VE FALLEN FOR THEM?
.....
IF THIS IS ABOUT HINATA..
HE WAS SENT HERE AS A SPY.
IT'S ONLY NATURAL THAT ARCANA WOULD DO A NUMBER ON HIM IF THEY FOUND THAT OUT.
I'M MORE UPSET ABOUT THEM PUTTING A HIT OUT ON ME
ONE WHO WANTS TO STAND ABOVE ALL OTHERS...

MUST BE IN CONTROL OF EVERY EMOTION AND EVERY CIRCUM-STANCE
AND MUST MAKE THE DECISIONS THAT YIELD THE GREAT-EST POS-SIBLE BEN-EFIT.

HE MUST BE RATIONAL AND HE MUST KNOW HOW TO LEAD


PLEASE DON'T GLARE AT ME LIKE THAT

That's Izumi... Arcana's top dog...
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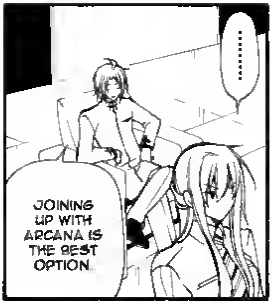
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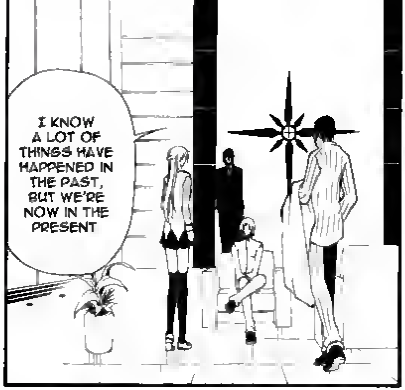
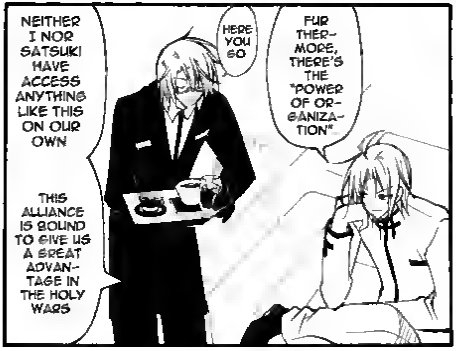
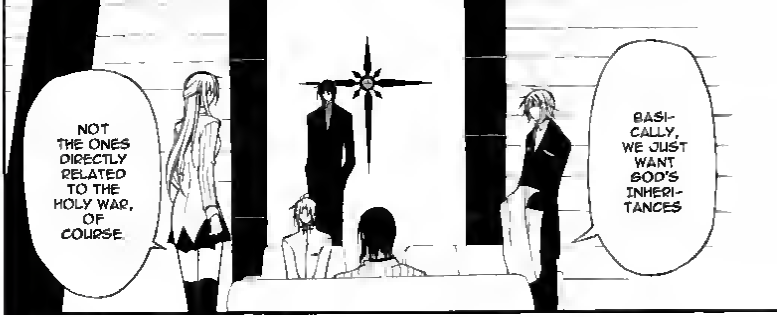
JOINING UP WITH ARCANA IS THE BEST OPTION


I KNOW A LOT OF THINGS HAVE HAPPENED IN THE PAST, BUT WE'RE NOW IN THE PRESENT

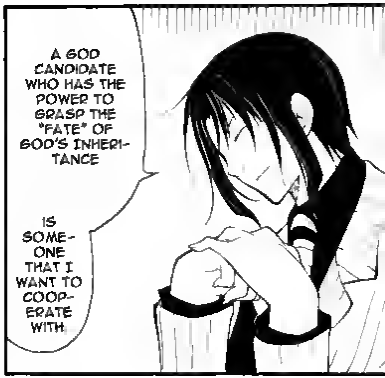
EVEN HINATA WAS ONCE A CUSTOMER OF THEM
ABOVE ALL, THERE'S "INFORMATION"
ARCANA HAS A VAST NETWORK OF INFORMATION BROKERS

THERE'S MUCH GREATER BENEFIT TO BE HAD BY ALLYING WITH TSUZUKI
AND ARCANA AS WELL, OF COURSE


NEITHER I NOR SATSUKI HAVE ACCESS ANYTHING LIKE THIS ON OUR OWN
THIS ALLIANCE IS BOUND TO GIVE US A GREAT ADVANTAGE IN THE HOLY WARS
HERE YOU GO
FURTHERMORE, THERE'S THE "POWER OF ORGANIZATION"


BASI-
CALLY,
WE JUST
WANT
GOD'S
INHERI-
TANCES
NOT
THE ONES
DIRECTLY
RELATED
TO THE
HOLY WAR,
OF
COURSE.

ARCANA
TRIED
TO HAVE
ME KILLED
BECAUSE
OF THIS
BRAND.


A GOD
CANDIDATE
WHO HAS THE
POWER TO
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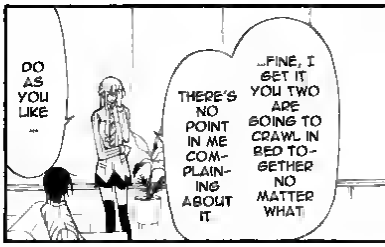
DO
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YOU
LIKE
...
THERE'S
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PLAIN-
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CRAWL IN
BED TO-
GETHER
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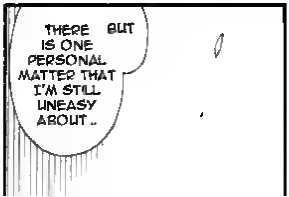
THERE
IS ONE
PERSONAL
MATTER
I'M STILL
UNEASY
ABOUT..
BUT
THAT

THAT ALL ENDED WHEN I BROKE TIES WITH SATSUKI.
THAT WAS IN THE PAST
I HAVE NO INTENTION TO CAUSE CRACKS IN OUR ALLIANCE.

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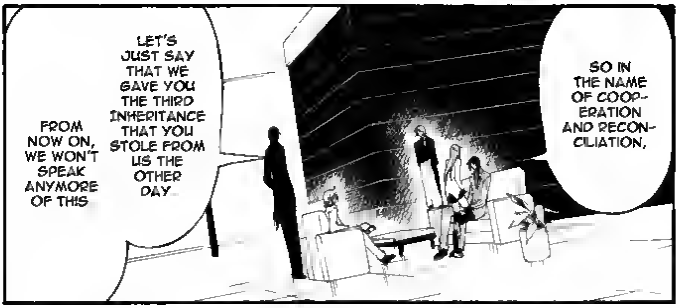
SO IN THE NAME OF COOPERATION AND RECONCILIATION,
LET'S JUST SAY THAT WE GAVE YOU THE THIRD INHERITANCE THAT YOU STOLE FROM US THE OTHER DAY.
FROM NOW ON, WE WON'T SPEAK ANYMORE OF THIS

Fwip
I'm getting a bad feeling because it seems too good...

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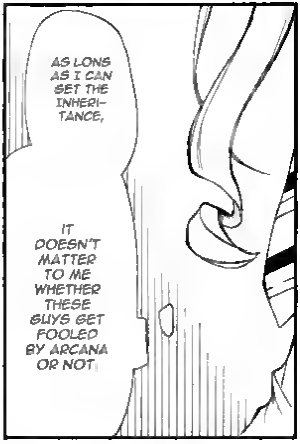
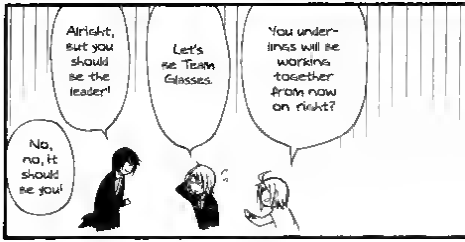
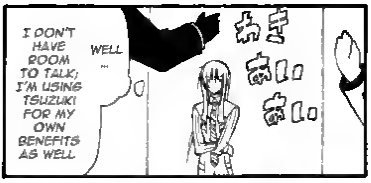
WE'RE ALL GOOD THEN?
SO?

I can't.. sense that he's lying..

They could easily do the same to us... Why hasn't anyone thought of that?
These people just stabbed Satsuki in the back...


AS LONG AS I CAN GET THE INHERITANCE,
IT DOESN'T MATTER TO ME WHETHER THESE GUYS GET FOOLED BY ARCANA OR NOT.

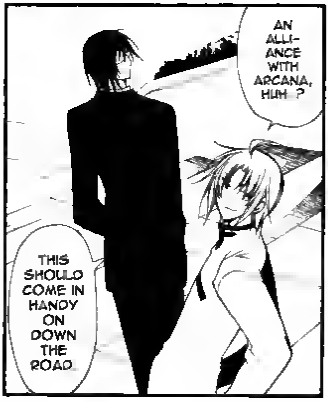

Alright, but you should be the leader!
Let's be Team Glasses.
You underlings will be working together from now on right?
No, no, it should be you!

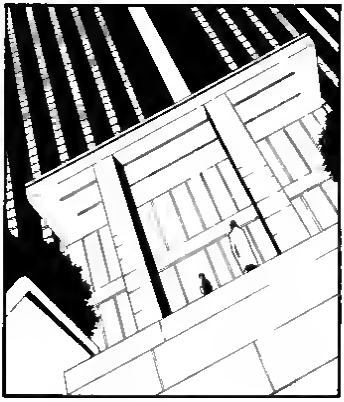

I DON'T HAVE ROOM TO TALK; I'M USING TSUZUKI FOR MY OWN BENEFITS AS WELL
WELL ...

I can't trust Arcana.
I just have to be careful not to be killed in my sleep.

I'M GOING HOME NOW.
LATER.
THE CONVER-SATION IS OVER NOW, RIGHT?
HUH?
SHE DOESN'T HAVE ANY TEAM SPIRIT..
...
パーン
WE'LL COME AGAIN
I GUESS WE'LL BE GOING AS WELL
WELL THEN, SINCE WE'VE ALL MET EACH OTHER ..
YOU ARE WEL-COME ANY-TIME
PLEA-SE DO

FROM THIS POINT ON,
WE'RE ALL COM-RADES


AN ALLI-ANCE WITH ARCANA, HUH ?
THIS SHOULD COME IN HANDY ON DOWN THE ROAD.



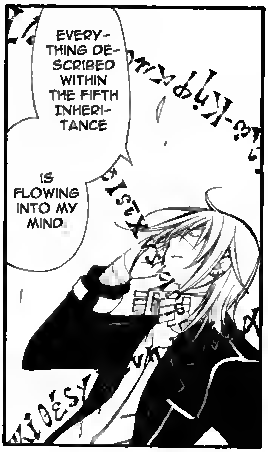
WELL THEN, LET'S HURRY BACK AND USE THE FOURTH INHERI-TANCE
TO DECIPHER THE FIRST BOOK OF PROPH-ECY.

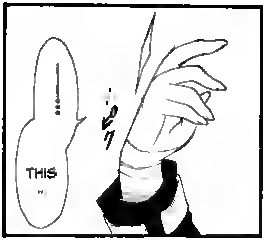
IN THAT HOLY WAR THE OTHER DAY,
WE LOST THE THIRD AND FOURTH INHERI-TANCES...
BUT THE FIFTH INHERI-TANCE IS MINE.
TEE HEE!
THAT GOOD-FOR-NOTHING TSUZUKI CAN'T DECIPHER THE BOOKS OF PROPHECY WITHOUT USING FOURTH INHERI-TANCE,
BUT SAT-SUKI'S DIF-FER-ENT!
.....
LET'S BEGIN THEN.

Become tainted by my power.
Offer up everything unto me, God's Book of Prophecy, "Chokhmah".

You go, Patsuke!
Kyaa!

IT DESCRIBES THE SIGN OF THE NEXT HOLY WAR.


EVERYTHING DESCRIBED WITHIN THE FIFTH INHERITANCE
IS FLOWING INTO MY MIND.


THIS
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...I CAN WORK WITH THIS...

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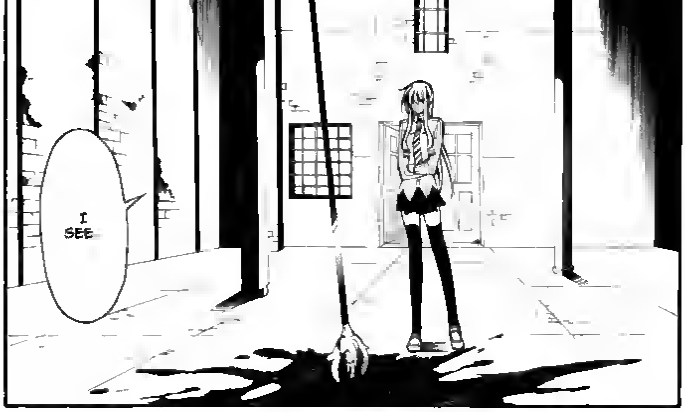
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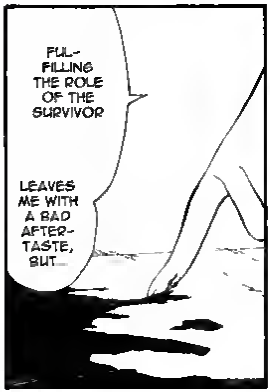
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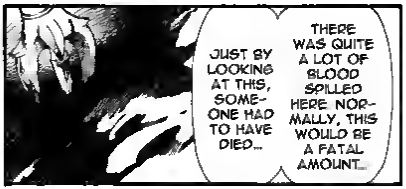
JUST BY
LOOKING
AT THIS,
SOME-
ONE HAD
TO HAVE
DIED...
THERE
WAS QUITE
A LOT OF
BLOOD
SPILLED
HERE. NOR-
MALLY, THIS
WOULD BE
A FATAL
AMOUNT...

ONLY
A MON-
STER
COULD
HAVE
SURVIVED
THIS...

Let
me
read...
the information
that's within
your blood.

お腹じゃねーの？
こちら側に
敵意を持っている
ようだ
ラトカの
天使を
倒せて
嬉しいとでも
言うのか
そんな
馬鹿な

YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE SAID YOU'D BE THE DECOY...
YOU IDIOT...

„WERE YOU HOPING?
WHAT...?
THAT I WAS HINATA OR NAO.
I'M ASKING IF THAT'S WHAT YOU WERE HOPING FOR

TSUKIMIYA...
YOU SURE HAVE IT ROUGH ~
A HALF-BLOODED MIX OF VAMPIRE AND ANGEL...
YOUR HALF-BLOOD CURSE WAS LIFTED ONCE..
AND NOW YOU'RE SEARCHING FOR INFORMATION ON THE NEW BRAND THAT HAS APPEARED ON YOU
YOU ARE CURRENTLY COOPERATING WITH THE GOD CANDIDATE TSUZUKI, RIGHT?
This bastard..
HOW YOU FOUND OUT MY NAME AND ALL OF THAT OTHER STUFF ABOUT ME...
WHY DON'T YOU TELL ME?

IT WOULD BE BEST TO ERASE IT.

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THIS PLACE --

IT HAS TOO MANY TRACES OF THE HOLY WAR REMAINING WITHIN IT
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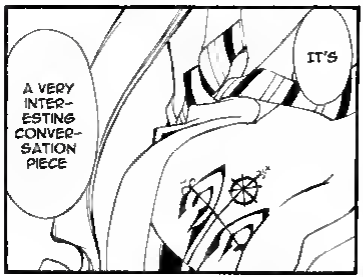
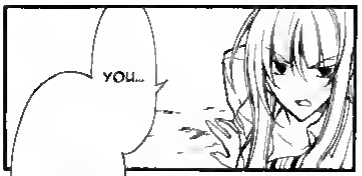
THIS EXISTENCE OF THIS CHURCH IS IN VIOLATION OF PROTOCOL 13 REGARDING THE CONCEALMENT OF THE HOLY WARS
IN ACCORDANCE WITH MY JUDGMENT...
IT SHALL BE DELETED

The darkness that I feel from it...
It's the same as his.
SHIT ...
THIS POWER.. YOU'VE GOT TO BE KIDDING ME...
SO, WOULD YOU LIKE TO TALK ABOUT THAT BRAND?
WELL?
TSU-KIMI-YA


IT'S
A VERY INTER-ESTING CONVER-SATION PIECE

DON'T YOU WANT TO ASK ME ABOUT THAT BRAND
THAT HAS AP-PEARED ON YOUR BODY?


YOU...

HOW DO YOU KNOW ABOUT THIS BRAND...?

BECAUSE I BEAR IT AS WELL.
WHA ...?!

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